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HONG KONG ARTISTS AT THEIR BEST

SPLENDID EXHIBITION OF PICTURES

ON VIEW TILL FRIDAY

A RARE TREAT FOR LOCAL ENTHUSIASTS.

The Hong Kong Art Club's annual exhibition opened in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, Exchange Building, this morning, and a splendid array of pictures will be on view till 7 p.m. to-day, to-morrow and on Friday.

The more prominent exhibitors, in the writer's opinion, include Mme. Marty, Mr. Lee Yook-tong, A.O.C.A., Mrs. Southby and Mrs. Tartz.

Other exhibitors include:—Mr. G. W. Arnold, Mr. A. Abbas (photography), Mrs. J. Aucott, Mrs. Balean, Dr. Bulean, Lady Mary Barton, Mrs. C. B. Brown, Captain Cameron, Mrs. H. Carvalho, Commandant Caude, Mrs. Danby, Mrs. S. Gubbay, Miss Harry, Mr. Teheng Hong, Mr. J. H. Hunt, O.B.E., Capt. Kilbee, Dr. I. Newton, Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Pfister, Miss M. Rhodes, Mrs. Hampden Ross, Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Dean Swann, Mrs. Bowes-Smith, Mr. W. Wang, B.Sc., Mr. R. H. A. Woolley, Mr. Robertson, Mr. G. Van Wylick, and Mrs. B. Lander Lewis.

All of Mr. Lee Yook-tong's works in oils are brilliant. His Aged Cedar and Rocks of Kowloon City are outstanding, whilst four sketches of scenes in Canada are worthy of mention. His study of an old man is most expressive in tone and colour. A scene in Kowloon depicting Lion Rock clearly in the background is effective.

Mme. Marty's work is bold and modern in style. Her portrait (No. 52) is, perhaps, the best effort, whilst her study for a bigger composition with five figures is excellent. This artist's work is out of the ordinary, and it seems a pity that the Committee, responsible for the arrangement of the exhibits, did not place her portrait study in a better position.

Mrs. Southby's etching work is far above the usual standard. The etching depicting Christ Church Hall, Oxford, and that one giving a view of Burford High Street are admirable. Her etching of Piccadilly Circus is also good. With her water colour studies, this artist excels with Lotus Pond, Perkin, which is very delicate in composition.

Mrs. Tartz's exhibits call for high praise, especially a street in Canton, 178, Canton Bund, and 179, Small Temple. Her work is clear and tasteful and this she also shows in her study of a Chinese man and woman.

Mr. Arnold's best work is a Cubist Decoration. It is decidedly modern, and attractive. His study of wind, in chalk, is good.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

Special Schemes for Next Year.

NEARLY TWO MILLIONS.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday the Colonial Secretary will move—

That this Council approves of the expenditure of \$411,789 on the Shing Mun Valley Water Supply Scheme First Section during the financial year 1932 which sum shall be met from a future loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

That this Council approves of the expenditure of \$34,000 on the Kai Tak Aerodrome hangar during the financial year 1932 which sum shall be met from a future loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

That this Council approves of the expenditure of \$347,000 on the Aberdeen Valley Water Scheme during the financial year 1932 which sum shall be met from a future loan and shall meanwhile be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the Colony.

That this Council approves of the expenditure of \$20,000 on the filters in connection with the Shing Mun Valley Water Supply Scheme during the financial

IN THE HOUSE

OPPOSITION VOTE OF CENSURE.

QUESTIONS

BOARD OF TRADE INUNDATED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The House of Commons rises for the Christmas recess on Friday.

To-morrow and Thursday have been allocated for a debate on an Opposition motion of Censure, the terms of which will allow of discussion over a wide field, including protection of the iron and steel, cotton and other industries, on which subject a number of Conservative backbenchers had tabled a motion for which there will not now be time.

Friday will be given up to an adjournment motion.

The closing days of the session are marked by congestion of business at question time, and to-day's order paper contained 140 questions for oral answer. It is significant of the interest taken in matters connected with industry and trade and the economic position of the country that out of this number 70 were addressed to the President of the Board of Trade. No less than 18 questions are aimed at eliciting a promise of extension of the operation of the Abnormal Importations Act to various articles, and the House was amused when Mr. Walter Runciman, grouping them together, gave a single answer to the effect that it would be improper for him to indicate the articles which might or might not be included in future orders under the Act.—British Wireless Service.

Another excellent tree study is that of Mr. Teheng Hong, who also shines with a scene of Blake Pier in oils. His study of a young girl is praiseworthy. Mr. Hunt's line cuts of a New Forest Cottage and a Junk, in black and white, are commendable.

Mrs. Pfister's exhibits cover Yunnan, Szechuan, the Yangtze and Hong Kong, all executed during her recent travels. Her best effort is that depicting Wan Hsien. Her study of a Mynah is done in the early Chinese style of brush-work, and is outstanding.

An excellent study of local flowers is to be found in the work of Mrs. Bowes-Smith, the best of which is gladioli. Her water colour is better than her pastel work.

Miss Norris and Mrs. Sayer's exhibits are pretty. Mr. Wang's stomachion Designs are most amusing.

Mr. Woolley does fine work in depicting trees in Chater Bungalow, before the present demolition. His study of a temple in Kowloon City, in black and white, is also good.

In the photographic section, Mr. Abbas excels with a really good study of a sampan. His Lunar reflections, and Goldfish pictures are also good.

Dr. Newton's storm in Hong Kong Harbour is remarkable, whilst another everyday scene of the praya, that of junks tying up, is highly commended.

Mrs. Carvalho's sculptures are meritorious, and her studies of the bust of a man and Chinese elderly woman are outstanding. Dr. Newton's statuettes are also pleasing.

In the children's section, the exhibits are of a high standard. E.McN.

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NEWS TABLOIDS.

The question of Empire teas was debated briefly in the House of Commons, yesterday. It was stated that Empire teas alone were bought for the British Army and Air Forces. The Chancellor of the Exchequer is considering certain representations made by the Empire Tea Association, and the blending of Java with Empire teas, sold as "Empire Blend," is to be investigated.

The Reichsarat is to be asked to sanction the minting of 20,000,000 five-mark silver pieces.

The U.S. may have to face a deficit of \$4,400,000,000 unless a severe campaign of taxation combined with reduction of expenditure. In order to meet this grave state of affairs, President Hoover proposes to establish a huge federal finance reconstruction corporation to facilitate American exports, quicken agriculture, and assist established industries with advances, etc.

A startling disclosure has just been made in respect of the Reichsbank. Its gold cover has fallen to

WANCHAI PLAYGROUND OPENING POSTPONED.

Owing to the inclement weather, it has been found necessary to postpone the ceremony of opening the Government Playground, in Wanchai which has been equipped with games apparatus by the Rotary Club.

12 per cent.; its short term debts amount to 12 milliard marks, of which, in the past 6 months, only one milliard has been repaid.

The question of settlement of debts and claims of British nationals concerning the Soviet is to be re-opened, and Sir John Simon and the Soviet Minister in London are to hold conversations to-day.

Government has decided to abandon the land tax proposals left to it as a legacy by the late Labour Government. The temporary staff engaged to work the scheme is to be dispersed. It is purely an economy measure and has nothing to do with the merits or demerits of the scheme.

The International Labour Office has been asked to invite certain countries to a meeting at Geneva in January to discuss informally the ratification of an international convention on hours of work in coal mines.

Parliament rises for the Christmas recess on Friday. To-day and to-morrow an Opposition vote of censure will be debated. The closing days of the session are marked by congestion of business, and very many questions are being asked. Most of them deal with industry, trade and the economic position, and are mainly addressed to the Board of Trade.

Two Chinese Women have been injured, one seriously, as the result of motor-traffic accidents. In the serious case the woman was knocked down, in other injuries were received through a lorry turning over.

A portion of the Atlantic Fleet, after forthcoming exercises, is to pay, in the New Year, a visit to the British West Indies.

An important debate on India is in progress in the House of Lords. Lord Lothian intimated that Government could not accept an amendment qualifying the terms

LAND TAXES

GOVERNMENT DROPS PROPOSALS.

ECONOMY

TEMPORARY STAFFS DISMISSED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The anticipated statement of Government's decision, with regard to land valuation for purpose of the land tax proposals of the last Labour budget, was made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons at question time to-day in reply to questions asked by several members.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that as the need for economy had become paramount, Government, after careful consideration, felt they would not be justified in incurring further expenditure upon an object which would not produce a return for a considerable time. The proposed tax, he pointed out, would not have become operative till 1933. He added that Government proposed, without prejudice to the merits of the plan, which had not been under consideration, to suspend work upon valuation and disperse the temporary staff engaged in connection with it.—British Wireless Service.

OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

Land Taxes and Valuation.
This legacy of the late Labour Government, it is understood, may soon be suspended as, primarily, an economic measure. There has always been considerable opposition to them. The Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcement on this subject is being awaited with some interest.

Belgian Foreign Minister.
M. Paul Hymans is at present in England. He has already had an interview with Sir John Simon and is due to meet Mr. Walter Runciman very shortly. His visit is in respect of trade between Belgium and England.

Miss England III.
Lord Wakefield purposes to recondition Miss England II, which met with mishap in America, and to build a new speed-boat—Miss England III—designed to attain a speed of 135—140 miles an hour. Kaye Don is to pilot the new boat, and she will be tried out on Lake Garda next April.

French Art Exhibition.
In connection with the exhibition to be held at the Royal Academy in London in the first week of the New Year, 400 art treasures of inestimable value (insured for £2,500,000) are now on their way (Continued in next Column.)

of the Premier's recent statement. Lord Lloyd subsequently moved such an amendment, which Lords Sankey and Irwin (a former Viceroy) strongly opposed. Lord Snell, on behalf of the Opposition, appealed to India to trust Britain; and Lord Burnham frankly expressed fears regarding the future procedure proposed by Government.

A rare treat is in store for all who visit the Art Exhibition which opened this morning. It is held under the auspices of the Hong Kong Art Club, and the pictures, many of which are of outstanding merit, are to be seen at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, Exchange Building. The Exhibition closes definitely on Friday morning.

LORDS DEBATE THE PROBLEM OF INDIA

OPPOSITION AMENDMENT STRONGLY CRITICISED

LORD IRWIN'S MAIDEN SPEECH

PROFOUND DELUSION TO TREAT EVENTS AS WORK OF MINORITY WHICH CAN BE DISPELLED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A debate took place to-night in the House of Lords on the motion approving of Government's Indian policy as set out in a recent White Paper giving the statement made by the Prime Minister at the close of the Round Table Conference.

The Under-Secretary of State for India, Lord Lothian, expressed the belief that the work done by the two Round Table Conferences represented a stage in the evolution of relations between India and Britain the importance of which it was impossible to exaggerate. The foundations of a new Constitution for India must rest, he said, on the three principles, which had emerged from the discussions of the last four years, namely Federation, Responsibility and Safeguards. He intimated that Government could not accept an amendment qualifying the terms of the White Paper.

Such an amendment was subsequently moved by Lord Lloyd and opposed by Lord Chancellor Sankey on the grounds that it would excite suspicion in India.

He said that great as had been British achievements in India for the welfare of the people much remained yet to be done. Referring to the abstractions current in the recent discussion such as Dominion Status, he said he preferred the simple statement that India desired a greater share in the management of her own affairs, and the problem was how this was to be accomplished. He believed they were on the eve of a peaceful solution of the Indian problem.

Trust Britain.
Lord Snell, speaking for the Opposition, appealed to the Indian people to trust Britain.

Lord Burnham expressed fears regarding the future procedure proposed by Government. Former Viceroy's Maiden Speech in the Lords.

He was followed by Lord Irwin, former Viceroy, who, in a maiden speech, said he had no doubt that a great advance had been made when Britain decided to give India equal opportunity with itself to be the architect of her future Constitution. It was foolish to underestimate the common ground that had been exhibited between the various

from Paris to London. They are being very carefully and strongly guarded.

Chinchow.
The question of a neutral zone, it is understood, has since been dropped, and responsibility for preventing hostilities laid upon the shoulders of the Chinese and Japanese commanders.

Bandits Hold-up Train.
A daring hold-up was staged by bandits, yesterday, on the Peking Mukden line. Passengers were robbed, but no one was taken away to be held for ransom, and there were no serious casualties. A European, Mr. Steele, Superintendent of Transportation, an official of the Railway, was relieved of his money and winter coat.

MINTING OF FIVE-MARK PRICES.

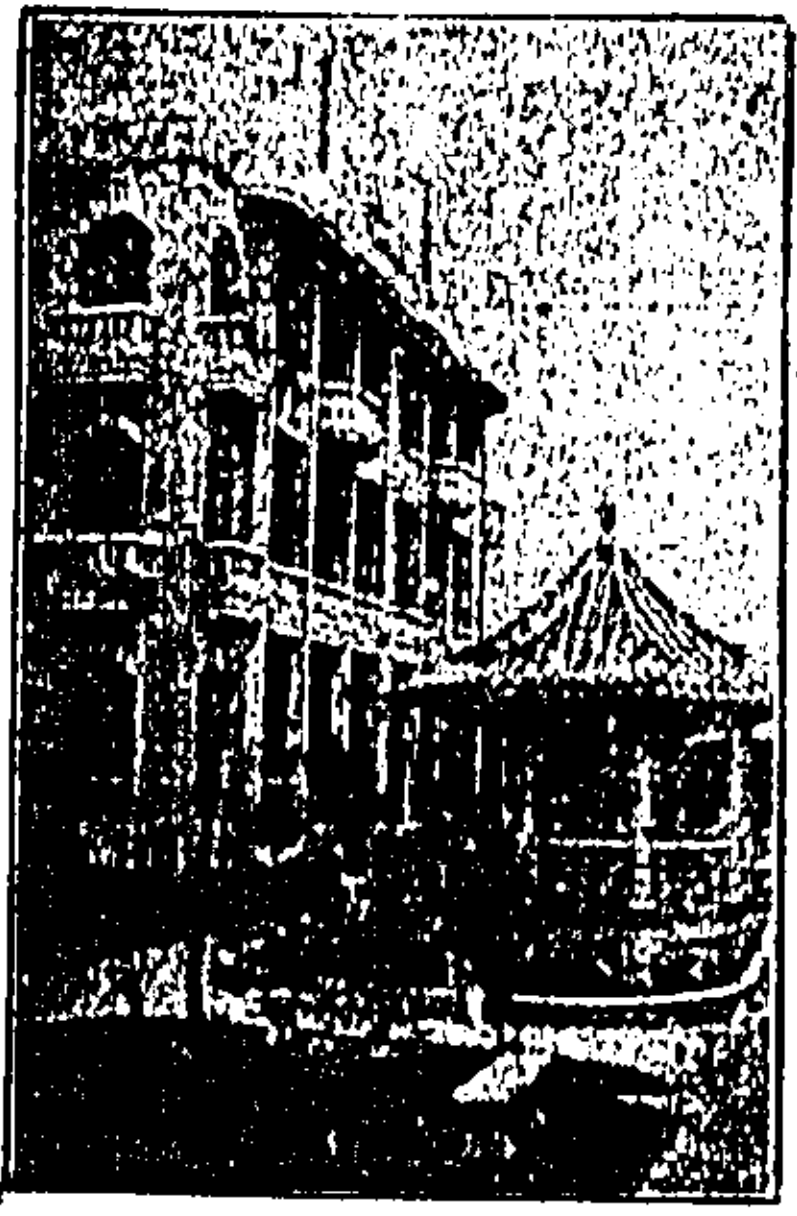
Berlin, Yesterday.
The proposal to mint 20,000,000 five-mark silver pieces, thus increasing the total value of silver coins circulating to 1,142,000,000 marks is soon to be submitted to the Reichsarat.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

GERMANY'S DRACONIAN EMERGENCY DECREE.

Berlin, Yesterday.
In a broadcast address to the Nation Dr. Bruening announced a Draconian Emergency Decree to deal with the economic crisis. The decree to be published to-day, provides for reduced pay for Government servants, increased taxation, reduction of rents and other costs. Salaries of certain State officials are to be reduced nine per cent. from February 1 while others are to be reduced down to the January 1927 level. There is to be an increase of two per cent. in the business turnover tax and ten per cent. in the tax on interest from invested capital. The cost of living is to be reduced by decreasing railway freights, telephone, parcels post, electricity, gas, and transport charges. Members of political parties also are forbidden to wear uniforms.—Reuter.

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ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

Reviews from Official Sources.

"THE SMILING LIEUTENANT."

You don't know Maurice Chevalier until you've seen "The Smiling Lieutenant" at the King's Theatre.
His captivating personality, his sky and wicked love-making, his meaningful singing of the meaning lyrics, all these things, which each of his pictures to now have presented in part, are projected at full force from the screen in "The Smiling Lieutenant."

The picture is another of those delicious Ernst Lubitsch productions, but, unlike "The Love Parade," it is a real comedy romance dealing with a smart and care-free soldier whose smile wins him the heart of two women. Claudette Colbert and Miriam Hopkins are the sweethearts who turn Chevalier's head and heart.
Chevalier's songs, "Breakfast Table, Love," "That's the Army," and "Jazz Up Your Lingerie" are tuneful lyrics which are recalled and recalled with a smile. And yet, "Smiling Lieutenant" is not a musical show in any sense.

"THE SEA GOD."

A veteran sailing schooner that visited every port of the South Sea Islands during a long and varied career has made its last voyage. Sacrificed for art, it lies at the bottom of the Pacific, a charred mass of wreckage.

As its career had been colourful, so was its ending. While flames licked avidly through its seasoned timbers and rotting rigging, sound synchronised cameras recorded the spectacle.

The funeral pyre was lighted for Paramount's "The Sea God," a nautical adventure featuring Richard Arlen and Fay Wray.

Two hundred and seventy-five natives bore down on the doomed vessel in fantastic shell decorated war canoes, staged a realistic mimic attack, and then put it to the torch. Through being burned for the screen, the schooner escaped rotting at a dock. Its days of seafaring were drawing to an end, and it was selected for sacrifice because of that fact.

"SHOW GIRL IN HOLLYWOOD."

Mervyn LeRoy directed scenes for "Show Girl in Hollywood," First National's new picture starring Alice White, for three days without moving out of his office.

The rest of the company, however, were there, too, as the director's office was doubling for a "set" in this screen tale of Hollywood, which comes to-day to the Queen's Theatre. LeRoy photographed actual places represented in the story.

Among these were the Montmartre, Hollywood Boulevard, an advance view of an Al Jolson picture at Warner Brother's Theatre, and celebrated dining and dancing rendezvous.

Alice White portrays Dixie Dugan, the little Broadway musical comedy actress, and Jack Mulhall is a playwright.

"EAST LYNNE."

One actor of the old silent days whose star was brightened rather than dimmed by the advent of talking pictures is Conrad Nagel, who with Clive Brook heads Ann Harding's all star cast in Frank Lloyd's Fox Movietone production, "East Lynne" which is scheduled to have its initial local showing very soon at the King's Theatre. While the voice of the screen has sunk many

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.V. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-11 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records.

7.03-7.22 p.m.—Band Selections.
Second to None (Ord Hume), El Abanico (Javeloyes).

Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (4069).

Triana (Lopez), The Voice of the Guns (Alford), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (3844).

Value Creole (Tschakowsky), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9382).

8 p.m.—Local Time.
7.22-8.08 p.m.—Variety.

Song—You Didn't Have to Tell Me, Let Love Take Care of You, Binnie Hale (Soprano) (DB608).

Vocal Duet—Without That Call (Continued in next Column.)

old time favourites into the depths of oblivion it has made of Nagel one of the most sought after artists in Hollywood to-day.

"The Natural Law" was his first Broadway legitimate role. His most famous stage part, that of Youth in "Experience," followed.

Then he played "The Man Who Came Back," and appeared opposite Alice Brady in "For-ever-After."

His first camera experience was in 1918 in "Little Women. Some of his recent pictures include "Tin Hats," "Thirteenth Chair," "Red Wine," "The Kiss," and "Ship From Shanghai."

In "East Lynne" Nagel essays the difficult role of Carlyle, the husband of Isabel, the character enacted by Miss Harding. Cecilia Loftus and Beryl Mercer are the other featured players.

"THE GREAT LOVER."

While "The Great Lover," a comedy-drama coming to the Queen's on Sunday, is in no sense a "singing picture," the beautiful voice of Irene Dunne, of "Show-boat" fame, will be heard, presenting three charming and popular operatic numbers.

Two are sung to Adolphe Menjou, playing Paurel, a great French baritone; the third she sings at an informal dinner of opera stars.

The three selections are the "Waltz Song" from "Romeo and Juliet," "Ich Liebe Dich" (in English); and "There is a Voice That I Enshrine" from "The Barber of Seville."

With Menjou, in a sequence laid in the Metropolitan Grand Opera House, Miss Dunne sings the great duet from "Don Giovanni," "Give Me Your Hand."

I Wanna Sing About You, Layton & Johnstone (DB611).
Band—Whoopie—Film Songs Medley, Billy Cotton & His Band (DB582).

Humorous Song—Parkin' in the Moonlight, Sitting at a Table Laid for Two, Florence Oldham (DB623).

Humorous Sketch—The Royal and Ancient Game, Clapham & Dwyer (DB570).

Organ Solo—Thrill Me, Whistling in the Dark, Reginald Foort (DB612).

8.08-8.45 p.m.—Selections from Opera.

Organ Solo—Frederica—O Maiden, My Maiden (Lehar), Quentin M. Maclean (DB277).

Piano Solo—Rosenkavalier—Fantasy on Love Themes (Strauss arr. Granger), Percy Grainger (DB28).

Orchestra—Madame Butterfly—Selection (Puccini arr. Godfrey), New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (9306).

Organ Solo—Tales of Hoffman—Barenrolle (Offenbach), Cavalleria Rusticana—Intermezzo (Mascagni), Terence Casey (DB130).

Piano Solo—Rigoletto—Paraphrase (Verdi arr. Liszt), Irene Scharrer (DB76).

8.45-9 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.

Honolulu, Kawaihau, Hawaiian Silver String Quartet (5431).

Guitar Solo—Dreamy Lights in Honolulu, Frank Ferera (3744).

Waters of Waikiki, Iole of Oahu, Frank Ferera (Steel Guitar Novelty) (3745).

9-11 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox Trot—Help Yourself to Happiness, Not That I Care (2542-D), With the Help of the Moon, (2455-D).

It Looks Like Love, A Lonely Gondolier (2453-D), When It's Sleepy Time Down South, Waltz—You're My Only Sweetheart, (2541-D).

Fox Trot—Dream a Little of Me, Everything That's Nice Belongs to You (2450-D), Under the Spell of Your Kiss, Personally, I Love You (2380-D), Were You Sincere? I'm Happy When You're Happy, (2405-D).

Waltz—The Kiss That You've Forgotten, Blue Kentucky Moon (2545-D), Good Night Sweetheart, I Wouldn't Change You for the World (2547-D), You Didn't Know the Music, Can't You See (2548-D), Waitin' for a Call from You, Who Am I? (2549-D), A Faded Summer Love, Waltz—Call Me Darling (2555-D).

Fox Trot—Little Mary Brown, Charlie Cadel (2554-D), Bugle Call Rag, Dec Blues (2543-D), Confession, Good Evenin' (2559-D), What's the Use? I Wonder How it Feels (2264-D).

Waltz—When the Organ Played at Twilight, When I Look to the West (2279-D).

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Repulse Bay and Peninsula Hotels.

To-morrow—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "The Smiling Lieutenant."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Show Girl in Hollywood."

To-day—Central Theatre: "The Sea God."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Illusion."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Madam Satan."

Friday—"Miss Hook of Holland," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Home Malls.

Friday—Inward from Europe via Suez (Hakozaki Maru); from Europe via Siberia (Shinyo Maru) from America (Empress of Russia).

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Lammerts' Auction.

Friday—At Sales Rooms, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

Ten New Cases of Diphtheria.

51 TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended December 5 is as follows:—

Cases Deaths
Typhoid fever 3 1
Diphtheria 10 1
Tuberculosis 51

One of the diphtheria cases was imported.

Summary to December 5.

The returns from January 1 to December 5 give the following figures:—

Cases Deaths
Typhoid fever 201 63
Small-pox 14 9
Scarlet fever 3 —
Diphtheria 133 48
Cerebro-spinal fever . 20 10
Puerperal fever 19 13
Tuberculosis 2,721

Twenty-one of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were three scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, two cerebro-spinal fever cases, and 30 diphtheria cases.

11.03 p.m. (approx.)—Close Down.

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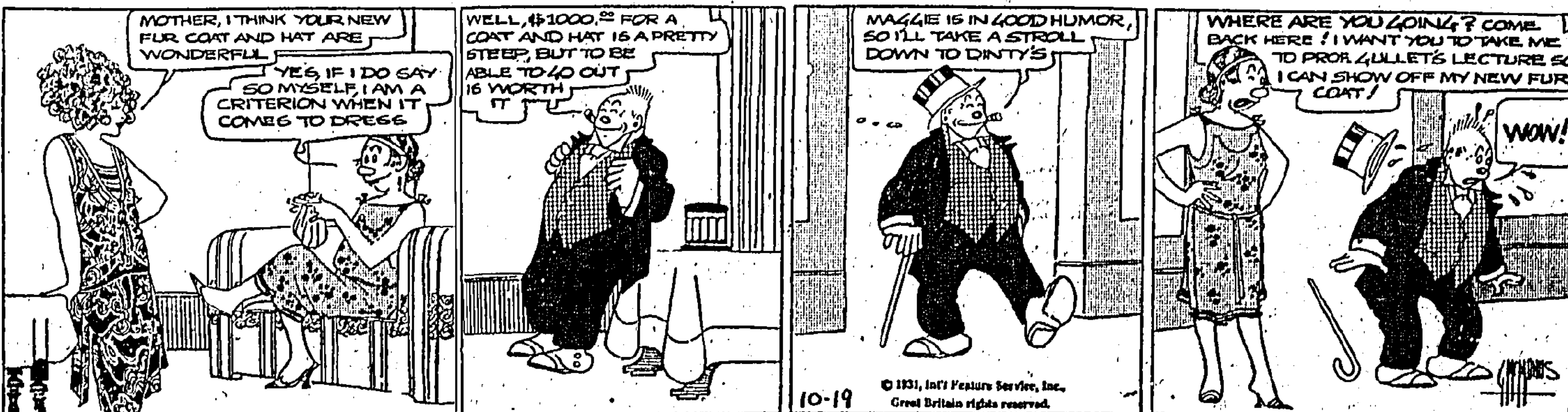


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"By Base Line."

Fifteen hundred spectators yesterday witnessed Mrs. Helen Wills-Moody, the lawn tennis queen, in action on the Kowloon Cricket Club courts, and all departed with the feeling that Hong Kong had received a great honour in being allowed to stage exhibition games in which this magnetic personality was the central figure. An appreciation of Mrs. Wills-Moody is best contained in the words of Mr. R. E. Lindsell, who delivered a short speech at the conclusion of the game—a charming lady, a wonderful personality and a marvellous tennis player.

So great was the interest taken in the exhibition games that the stands and seating accommodation were filled to overflowing. H.E. Sir William Peel and Lady Peel headed a long list of celebrities who were present despite the poor weather conditions. Contingents from Canton and Macao arrived early yesterday morning and were greeted with bleak prospects, yet they were all present at the commencement of the singles match. The Kowloon Cricket Club are to be heartily congratulated on the perfect organisation at a moment's notice. The gate receipts I am told exceeded \$3,000 which is believed to be a record for the Kowloon ground.

Mrs. Wills-Moody showed magnificent stamina under the most trying conditions and her big effort in order not to disappoint the large crowd present was greatly appreciated. She did not even rest a minute after her singles match against E. C. Fincher which incidentally went to twenty games. A glance at the overcast skies was sufficient for her and she very sportingly entered upon two further sets to the delight of her many hero-worshippers.

TENNIS QUEEN'S STAMINA

When first I met Mrs. Wills-Moody I was at once surprised by her physical stature, although I must admit that I was a little disappointed. I had pictured her, from what little I had seen and read of her, as a much taller woman with a marked masculine touch about her. My surprise can only be imagined by those who saw her yesterday when I saw what a pretty and distinctly feminine figure she possesses. Before I saw her play I felt that here was the lady champion of the world about to tackle a man opponent of hardly international standard. The result, I felt certain, would be in favour of E. C. Fincher providing he desired to win.

Adverse Conditions.
The conditions for good tennis were far from perfect, yet we witnessed sufficient of the prowess of Mrs. Wills-Moody to leave the Kowloon Cricket Club with the impression that she could have beaten "Teddy" Fincher had she so desired. A thin drizzle, a slippery court, and heavy balls all went to undermine the play of the world's greatest lady tennis player, but her adaptability to the existing conditions was so good that she at one time held the game in her hand.

Fincher Shines.
Her request to play a steady player if it could be so arranged was complied with to the best of the H.K.L.T.A.'s ability and Fincher did not let them down. After a shaky opening he developed an aggressive style and played one of the best games I have seen him play for a long time. His driving on occasion was beautifully timed and accurately placed, and his natural chop stroke game stood him in good stead on the court.

Amazing Backhand.
In her singles match Mrs. Moody avoided the net and was content to play a base line duel. She was not too comfortable against "Teddy's" cut strokes on her forehand, but her backhand play was perfect. She seemed to be able to time the ball much better on her backhand and the speed with which she returned the ball was nothing short of amazing. "Teddy," although he does not look fast on the court, possesses a good turn of speed and he was left standing by many of her returns.

Two Impressions.
Mrs. Moody continually played on his backhand and allowed him few opportunities to drive her of the court. Two features of her game impressed me most—her powerful and well-varied service and her pick up shots on the half volley. Although she served several doubles her service was excellent, Fincher being caught out of position by numerous powerful aces. The follow through on all her strokes was also a marked

feature of her game, especially in the case of the half volley shot at which she was splendid. Her forehand driving was not so accurate as her backhand but this was obviously due to lack of practice though she sent over some beautiful cross court drives.

After a ding dong battle Mrs. Moody lost to the Kowloon representative by 11-9.

I was glad that Mrs. Moody had decided to play only one set of singles as the conditions cried out for a foursome.

Mrs. Moody Foremost.

In the doubles match a change in partners was made at the last moment. Mrs. Wills-Moody partnering H. D. Rumjahn against S. A. Rumjahn and M. W. Lo. It was a very one-sided encounter with Mrs. Moody easily the most impressive figure on the court. "H. D." was in great form and lent valuable aid in annexing the first set at 6-2. S. A. Rumjahn sought net duels to counteract Mrs. Moody's devastating driving abilities but he was checked by her perfect lobbing which at times had the opposing pair in trouble, especially Lo who was very much puzzled by this new aspect of her game. Lo was unfortunately very much off his usual form and as a consequence became the object of his opponents' attack. Mrs. Moody peppering him with well directed shots.

Lo Puzzled.
She also had him continually in trouble with her first service which varied, either flushing down the centre line or seeking the side line with a disconcerting cut imparted to it. What impressed me more than anything in her doubles match was her net play. Overhead she was marvellous. S. A.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

HOCKEY—To-day—Hong Kong Hockey Club v. H.K.S.R.A. on the U.S.R.C. ground at 5 p.m.

RACING—Saturday—Fourteenth Extra Meeting at Happy Valley.
FOOTBALL—Saturday—Lai Wah Cup—Army v. Civilian; Division II—Club v. University; Navy v. Borderers; 12th Battery v. Argyle; R.A.O.C. v. Kowloon; Division III—St. Joseph's v. R.C.C.
RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-day—Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank v. Kowloon Rugby Club at Happy Valley.

GOLF—To-morrow—R.H.K.G.C. Meeting at 8.30 p.m.

SUNDAY—R.H.K.G.C. Championship Third Round and Semi-Final.

LAWN BOWLS—Saturday—Closing Day at Kowloon Bowling Green Club; Unveiling of the Record Board at 3 p.m.
CHICKEN—Saturday—League II—C.C.C. v. R.E. & R.C.S.; I.R.C.; University v. C.S.C.C.; H.K.C.C. v. K.C.C.; Junior H.K.C.C. v. University; K.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.; I.R.C. v. Recreio.

Rumjahn soon found that she possessed a vicious kill which was a point everytime. Her volleying was brilliant and under perfect control.

H. D. Rumjahn's Recoveries.

H. D. Rumjahn was the next best player on the court, some of his recoveries when in difficulties at the net exceeding all expectations. As usual he played very little from the base line and was always seeking a volley duel. S. A. Rumjahn was badly handicapped by his partner but he played brilliantly on occasion. Lo was unfortunate to strike a bad patch on so important an occasion as yesterday's match. His play all-round suggested staleness.

After some very bright rallies Mrs. Moody and H. D. Rumjahn pulled the second set out of the fire by winning by 7-5 after being 4-1 down. They won the first set with ease at 6-2.

Presentation by Lady Peel.

At the conclusion of the doubles match, which was judged by the best of three sets, Lady Peel, on behalf of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association, kindly presented Mrs. Wills-Moody with a souvenir of her stay in Hong Kong.

The gift took the form of a Silver Inlaid Tray, a 3-piece Silver Tea Service, a Ricksha Cruet Stand, a Wheel-barrow Cruet Stand, a Sedan-Chair Cruet Stand, and a Small Silver Junk.

In addition she received a dozen Tennis Spoons from the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The framed photographs were views of Hong Kong by Night, a Panorama of Hong Kong, Hong Kong and Kowloon from the Peak, and Repulse Bay Hotel.

The official inscription on the Tray was as follows:—

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In a short speech before the presentation Mr. R. E. Lindsell, President of the Kowloon Cricket Club, voiced his appreciation of the manner in which Mrs. Moody had thrilled the crowded stands that afternoon and above all his appreciation of her willingness to play in the exhibitions at all. He paid Mrs. Moody a great tribute when he said that all who had seen Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen play must have realised that they had this afternoon seen a greater player in action.

Later Mrs. Moody and her husband took tea with H.E. the Governor, Lady Peel and officials of the L.T.A., after which she did a little shopping prior to rejoining the President Coolidge before it sailed for Shanghai at 6 p.m.

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BAN ON SPITTING.

By-Laws Passed by
the Sanitary Board.

FOR EATING HOUSES.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board, yesterday, by-laws prohibiting spitting in eating houses were unanimously passed.

In submitting the motion, the President said in part:

Let me make the quotation I made from the report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1921.

"The total deaths in the Colony from tuberculous diseases during 1921 amounted to 1,394 where the total deaths from all the principal notifiable infectious diseases and including those from Malaria, influenza, measles, and dysentery which are not notifiable, amounted to 1,280. This group of diseases includes typhoid and paratyphoid fever, plague, small-pox, cholera and diphtheria.

The difference between these two totals shows 614 more deaths from tuberculous than from all the dangerous infectious diseases from which the Colony suffers in epidemic form either continuously—as in the case of malaria—or from time to time—as in the case of plague, cholera and small-pox.

Tuberculosis takes its steady toll in deaths year by year and attracts no great notice."

Since that date, forty deaths have occurred every week; 2,000 each year; 20,000 in ten years—from tuberculosis.

The attention of the Board has hitherto been distracted by plague and small-pox. But I would point out that the Colony has been entirely free from plague for the last eight years and that we have, after a good deal of groping, found the complete—the absurdly simple and the only—solution to the problem of small-pox: namely vaccination.

That being so the way is clear for the Board to attack the main position—namely tuberculosis.

I do not wish it to be thought for one moment that I have changed my view on the vital importance of the housing question in relation to the problem of tuberculosis. There are many old houses in the heart of the town—dark, damp, airless, rarely penetrated by the sterilising rays of the sun. These houses constitute a severe handicap to the efforts of the Medical Officer of Health. I am firmly convinced that no plan of attack against tuberculosis can be really satisfactory until by some means or other the bad old houses disappear.

At the same time demolition of old houses does not provide the complete solution. They are the predisposing cause; the direct cause must also receive attention. And, as I hope to satisfy you—by quotation from a distinguished Medical Officer—by far the most important direct cause is simply the habit of spitting.

The quotation is taken from a report on tuberculosis made—also in 1921—by Dr. H. H. Scott. Dr. Scott was at the time Government Bacteriologist here and accordingly had ample opportunity of obtaining his facts at first hand. He is, I believe, to-day a member of the staff of the London School of Tropical Medicine.

Overcrowding.

"The foregoing (the design of Chinese tenement houses and overcrowding) constitute the main predisposing causes, but the direct cause of the prevalence of tuberculous in Hong Kong is, facile principles, the expectation habit. The prevalence of tuberculosis is closely connected with social and economic conditions—overcrowding and slums, poverty insanitation and squalor.

"With regard to overcrowding, little, if anything, can be done; the space available is limited, and the population is relatively large and is increasing. The question reduces itself, for practical purposes, to the finding of a remedy for the spitting habit in the first place."

"I am convinced that it is the expectation on the floors of the rooms in which the people live that is the chief source of the bacilli."

It is evident then that in discouraging spitting by all means at our disposal we shall be taking all essential steps, and it seems to me that the persistence of bad old houses only make it more urgent to check a bad old habit.

Making A Start.

I may be asked why we single out eating houses for special attention. The answer is two-fold.

(1) In the first place, we must start somewhere.

(2) Apart from the obvious reasons which will occur to every one the eating house appears to be particularly appropriate.

For there are a considerable number distributed throughout the town—there are 800 tenement floors licensed as eating houses—where people of the middle class congregate in the aggregate in considerable numbers to take their meals.

It is hoped that the eating houses will provide a channel by which this vital advice will percolate to what Dr. Scott describes as the "Chief source of the bacilli—the floors of the rooms in which the people live."

The motion was passed unanimously.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

The report has been published of the Committee appointed in October, 1929, to report on the possibility of increasing facilities for practical technical education and the feasibility of establishing a trade school.

As a trade school has been sanctioned already in the former Victoria British School, the report at this date loses much of its interest.

ROBERTS WINS GAME FOR OXFORD.

Cambridge's Rugby
Defeat.

AFTER SCORING FIRST.

Twickenham, Yesterday. Oxford University won the fifty-sixth inter-Varsity Rugby match to-day when they beat Cambridge by two tries and a dropped goal (10 points) to a try (3 points).

W. Roberts, the Oxford skipper, played the game of his life, being chiefly responsible for Oxford's win.

The Oxford three-quarters were weak in finishing but their forwards took matters into their own hands. Roberts was elusive and he and N. Lamport riddled the Cambridge ranks, especially in the second half.

Cambridge scored first through R. W. Smedley, who literally flung himself over for a try. Oxford equalised in the thirty-fifth minute of the game, Minns scoring an unconverted try. Roberts gave Oxford the lead with a dropped goal two minutes before the interval when Oxford led by 7 points to 3. In the last minute of the game F. Howde, the American, won the race for a touch down. Henley failed to convert.—Reuter.

RACING.

Weights for Saturday's
Meeting.

Weights have been allocated in the following races on Happy Valley on Saturday:

December Handicap.	
Blue Boy	140
Ataman	145
Sanc on	145
Edenbridge	140
King's Colour	165
King's Service	155
Bright Star	155
Wise Stag	140
African Eve	140
Young Pretender	140
Spey	150
The Phasant	140
The Cornel	140
Crown Prince	140
Marquis Hall	140
Barrier Reef Handicap.	
Floretta	130
Moon Star	155
Rosedrop	140
St. Moritz	165
Thunderclap	140

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

Junior Championship.

The following is the draw for the Junior Championship First Round to be played on or before December 27:—

H. S. Dinsdale v. J. Litton.
W. J. Woolley v. A. Landsbert.
L. Goldman v. A. A. Laughton.
J. Gollaty v. A. A. Lewis.
S. Jex v. G. D. Reid.
G. P. Murphy v. A. C. Sinton.
E. C. Fincher v. H. Buxton.
J. J. King v. C. G. Anderson.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

Played over the Kowloon course on December 5 and 6 W. Taylor qualified with 72—6=66; W. J. Woolley with 82—13=69; and G. P. Murphy with 82—13=69; tie for second place and will replay.

ATLANTIC FLEET.

Portion to Pay

A Visit to

B.W. INDIES.

Rugby, Yesterday.

It has been decided that a portion of the Atlantic Fleet, comprising the battle cruisers Hood and Repulse, and the second cruiser squadron Dorsetshire, Norfolk, Exeter and York shall visit British West Indies ports during the coming Spring. The ships will be detached from the flag of the Commander-in-Chief off the north coast of Spain on January 18 or 19 after the exercises have been carried out. The Commander-in-Chief in H.M.S. Nelson and the remainder of the Atlantic Fleet will use Gibraltar as the main base until return of the ships to their home ports in March.—British Wireless Service.

SOVIET DEBTS TO BRITISHERS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Conversation will take place to-morrow between the Foreign Secretary and the Soviet Minister in London on the question of settlement of outstanding debts and the claims of British nationals. This step is consequent upon the fact that no reply has been received to a note on this subject sent in July to the Soviet Government by Mr. Arthur Henderson, who was then Foreign Secretary.—British Wireless Service.

HOCKEY VICTORY FOR Y.M.C.A.

Plucky Resistance by
Cornwall.

IMPRESSIVE FORWARDS.

At King's Park yesterday the Y.M.C.A. defeated H.M.S. Cornwall by two goals to one. The original game which should have been played on the Navy ground against H.M.S. Tamar and Small Ships was unavoidably cancelled and a last minute fixture was arranged against the Cornwall.

Considering that it was the first time that the Cornwall has placed a hockey side in the field since her return from Home the sailors gave a very creditable exhibition. Although weather conditions were sufficient to dampen the spirits of the most enthusiastic hockey player a great game resulted with two very evenly matched sides in opposition.

The Cornwall were the first to score when Hollingsworth broke through to score a good goal when challenged by the goal-keeper. The sailors held their lead up to the interval though the "Y" were unfortunate on one or two occasions. Beckingham, in the Naval goal, was in great form and held up repeated raids with smart clearances. On the change of ends the "Y" swept down the field and scored the equaliser when Brown rushed the ball into the net. A few minutes later Brown was again in the limelight when he sent in a beautiful drive which left the goal-keeper standing. It was the best goal of the game and a fitting decider.

The "Y" forwards combined better than they have done for a long time and were frequently dangerous as the result of long passes from Tate and Murphy, who played well in defence.

Y.M.C.A. 2

H.M.S. Cornwall 1

Y.M.C.A.—L. D. Skinner; A. Tate, E. O. Murphy; F. Allen, R. A. Bates, F. S. W. Smith; J. J. Ferguson, G. C. Burnett, D. McLellan (captain), F. Selk, and W. J. Brown.

ject sent in July to the Soviet Government by Mr. Arthur Henderson, who was then Foreign Secretary.—British Wireless Service.



Santa Claus announces that he will take an aeroplane down and arrive at Hong Kong this week end and that his Official Headquarters will be at

SINCERE'S

TRIED & HANGED IN FOUR HOURS.

Budapest Martial
Law Verdict.

A thrill of horror passed through Budapest when it was learned that an American-born youth of barely 21, Joseph Onda, had been tried, sentenced to death, and hanged within less than four hours of a charge of robbery with violence.

On October 15 Onda and another youth of 19, Joseph Bonyl, held up the Budapest Commercial Bank and stole a large sum of money. When pursued they fired a number of ineffective shots at their pursuers.

Under martial law, which is now in force throughout Hungary, the drastic provisions of the old Habsburg monarchy rule are revived. The military court can pronounce sentence of death only for any crime with which violence is connected; but unless the decision is unanimous the case must go to the ordinary courts.

No appeal is allowed. The sentence must be submitted to the head of the State—in this case the Regent—who may give or refuse a free pardon. If refused, the prisoners must be hanged within three hours.

Gallows Got Ready.

When the trial opened morbid crowds gathered outside the court, as it was known that Kosarek, the public executioner, had arrived with his two assistants and begun the erection of a gallows in the courtyard. Prisoners executed in Hungary are not hanged by means of a spring trap, but are hoisted into the air. Judge Toerky, who is noted for the severity of his sentences, tried the case, with the assistance of four advisers. He ordered a strong force of police to be ready to deal drastically with any public manifestations.

The trial ended at three p.m. Onda, a son of an Hungarian farmer, born in America in 1910, and educated in an ordinary American school, who has been in Hungary since 1920, was sentenced to death. His companion, being only 19, was not liable to the death sentence, but was given the maximum penalty of fifteen years' imprisonment.

On the sentences being pronounced, the youths embraced and kissed one another. At 6.25 Onda was taken to the courtyard and hanged.

Pardon Refused.

When sentence was pronounced, the father of Onda collapsed unconscious. The judge asked the prisoners if they desired a free pardon, to which they replied in the affirmative. The court then withdrew for five minutes, and returned to say that the Regent would not be recommended to grant a pardon. The defending lawyer said, "But I have telegraphed this morning asking him to exercise clemency for this boy, who only fired shots into

SATURN AND JUPITER.

Conjunction That Cause
World Changes.

That Cardinal Pierre d'Ailly, Bishop of Cambrai, prophesied the French Revolution 400 years before it took place, is revealed by M. Charles de la Ronciere in an article of extraordinary interest in the current number of the "Revue des Deux Mondes."

This astonishing prediction was made in Cardinal d'Ailly's work, "Accord de la verite astronomique et de l'histoire," in which he noted that every grand conjunction between Saturn and Jupiter, happening every 960 years, produced perturbations in the Empires of the world.

The eighth conjunction would fall in the year 1789, and, wrote Cardinal d'Ailly: "If the world should last until that year, which God alone knows, there will be great, numerous, and astounding changes in the world, principally in law and religion."

Columbus' Map.

The main purpose of M. de la Ronciere's article is to prove that a map of the world extant in the Bibliotheque Nationale is the actual map used by Christopher Columbus, and was made by him and his brother Bartholomew.

This suggestion had already been made by M. de la Ronciere, but did not carry conviction to historians. It is, however, now immensely strengthened by the recent publication of Cardinal d'Ailly's "Ymag-Mundi," edited by M. Edmond Buron, the archivist of the Canadian Government.

This work, consisting of four cosmographical treatises by d'Ailly in Latin—a French translation of which is supplied by M. Buron—was copiously annotated by Christopher Columbus himself, to whom it was one of his sources of inspiration.

Red Sea Voyage.

M. de la Ronciere shows that a large number of Columbus' annotations in d'Ailly's work appear, some of them textually, and reproducing Columbus' peculiarities of spelling, on the map in the Bibliotheque Nationale, a coincidence further supported by material similarities between the substance of the map and the ideas contained in the d'Ailly annotations.

One, for instance, of the annotations reads: "The voyage through the Red Sea is made in six months; and from there ('de lbi') it takes a year to reach India."

The corresponding legend on the map runs: "As to the Red Sea, its length is six months of navigation; and from there ('de lbi') it takes a whole year to reach India."

M. de la Ronciere puts the date of the map at 1492.

This air. The court returned no answer to the interjection. The boy was taken to execution in a state of semi-collapse.

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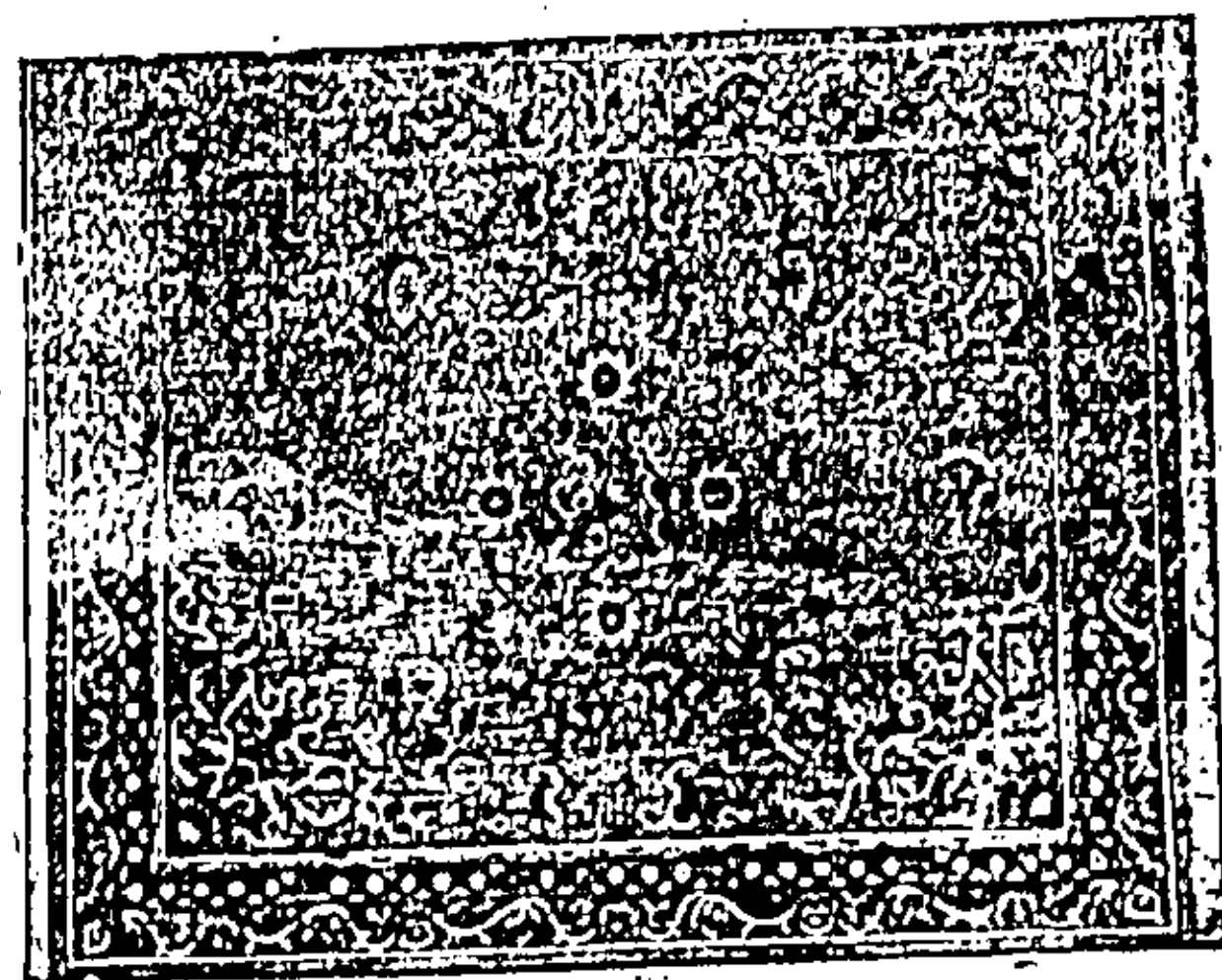
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Spitting Peril.

Only a few weeks ago we commented on the increasing prevalence of spitting and the danger of spreading tuberculosis. Drastic action is long overdue. Penalties for offenders in public places, including trams, buses, and ferries, would have been introduced long ago and rigidly enforced if the authorities had had the courage to back up their own Medical Department and, for once in a way, put so-called Chinese "susceptibilities" to the acid test. Now they have a golden opportunity to redeem their good name as protectors of the health of the whole community. All the Chinese members of the Sanitary Board have given their unqualified approval to the new by-laws banning expectoration, save in spittoons, in Chinese eating houses. These by-laws in themselves are long overdue. It is not to the credit of the Sanitary Board that it should have waited almost to the end of the year 1931 before making up its mind to introduce and pass them. It is little use quoting what a Government Medical Officer said in 1921 or 1871 unless the Sanitary Board seriously intends to follow up action against spitting in eating houses by similar steps in regard to spitting on the street, from verandahs, in buses, trams, and ferries. On the Kowloon side, it will be found that bus drivers and bus conductors are amongst the worst offenders in regard to the disgusting and menacing habit of expectoration, whilst they are extremely loth to check passengers caught in the act. If it is honestly felt that "education" concerning the perils of spitting be necessary, let physicians visit bus and tram depots at certain fixed hours and lecture to the drivers and conductors on the menace of tuberculosis, the toll from which will approximate three thousand in 1931 before the end of this month. Let some encouragement be given to them to eject

from buses any passengers detected in the act of expectorating. Let lecturers attend in the vicinity of children's playgrounds and address the amahs on the danger to their charges through the habit of spitting in public places. Given the will there are endless ways of "educating" the Chinese and that without involving any great expense or even inconvenience. But — we are not hopeful. Having read what was quoted in 1931 from a Medical Officer's report in 1921, we are quite prepared to wait to 1941 to hear quoted the by-laws for eating houses adopted in 1931. By 1941, of course, these same by-laws may have fallen into disuse and tuberculosis may be taking a far greater toll of the community than at present! It is asserted that as long ago as 1915 a "poster campaign" was conducted under the aegis of the Sanitary Board, pointing out the perils of spitting, but that all the posters and placards were soon defaced or torn down. Time does not permit of our consulting our file for that year; but the Sanitary Board then appears to have been very easily discouraged. As it probably will in the future!

From Other Pens.

Morality by-Order.

A remarkable incident in the history of international relations has just come to light. The Government of the Netherlands Indies has abolished the penal sanction that is to say, the enforcement of labour contracts under the criminal law — on the tobacco estates of Sumatra because the United States refused to buy their tobacco if they did not do so. Presumably the Dutch Government did not take a very serious view of this system, or it would have acted without outside prompting. "The attitude of the United States is the main reason for abolition," says the official statement in the People's Council. The Netherlands Indies have bowed to necessity. The United States provides a great market for their tobacco and Holland is too small to answer this threat effectively. We in Malaya may be thankful that if the United States, which is also our largest customer, attempts to tell us how to deal with our labour we can stir up such widespread "dis-crimination against American goods" as would make this policy of international evangelism look thoroughly silly. Nobody need be sorry to see the penal sanction system abolished in Sumatra, as it has been for In-

dian and Chinese labour in Malaya but American moralists who are preening themselves on the reform they have forced upon a small colonial country would do well to cleanse their own Augean stables before venturing further afield. The tobacco planters of Sumatra have never had to employ hired gunmen and toughs to defend their properties against their own employees, as the owners of mines and factories in the United States have done several times in the last five years. — Straits Times.

The Daily Laughs.

I must doubt whether the vicar who has declared to his parish that he intends to go to and fro and walk up and down in it asking people: "Have you had your three laughs a day?" will add much to the joy of life.

He has indeed explained himself most logically. A doctor has instructed him that in those who do not laugh the lungs go wrong and therefore none can be healthy without three laughs a day — and not giggles or sniggers, either, but good, honest, hearty laughter. So the vicar feels it his duty to impress the prescription on his flock.

It is fundamentally an old story. Laugh and grow fat, says the proverb; laughter makes good blood. Though nobody wants to be fat nowadays, we all accept the principle, and in spite of Chesterfield believe that laughter should be as well as seen. But anything less funny than to make an exercise of laughing even the inventors of maxims have not devised. I should call it a short way to melancholia. — H. C. B. in the Daily Telegraph.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"MISS HOOK OF HOLLAND."

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]. Sir, — In connection with the alteration in the time of commencing the evening performances of "Miss Hook of Holland," may I be allowed, on behalf of my Committee, to express their regret for any inconvenience to which ladies and gentlemen who have already bought tickets may be put. The overture, which is short — about six minutes — will commence at 9 o'clock sharp each evening and at 4.30 sharp for the matinee, and the public are requested to be in their seats by that time.

Yours, etc.,

H. J. BIST.
Hon. Secretary,
H.K. Philharmonic Society.
Hong Kong, December 8.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

List of Prize Winners.

1st Drawing: —
1st, 1 Cutlery Set (ticket No. 51).
Dolly Wong (delivered); 2nd, 1 Cake Stand (56), Mrs. Beattie; 3rd, 1 Sweet Dish (99), S. Sequeira; 4th, 1 Cake Dish (80), Vivian Pong (delivered); 5th, 1 Kitchen Set (11), Diana Kinoshita (delivered).

2nd Drawing: —
1st, 1 Pin Cushion (ticket No. 40), Gloria Monroe; 2nd, 1 Powder Box (83), Ange Ocasio; 3rd, 1 Powder Puff (49), E. B. Weir; 4th, 1 Handkerchief Box (22), Y. N. Row; 5th, 1 Dancer (90), Phyllis Motta.

3rd Drawing: —
1st, 1 Billiard Table (ticket No. 91), J. M. Silva; 2nd, 1 Doll Set (37), P. K. Khan; 3rd, 1 Eureka (50), Spero (delivered); 4th, 1 Pyramid Hopla (71), W. S. Banque; 5th, 1 Fr. Chinois (delivered); 6th, 1 Printing (14), A. Rollin (delivered).

4th Drawing: —
1st, 1 Doll's House, Place (delivered); 2nd, 1 Blue Doll, Orlovits (delivered); 3rd, 1 Red Indian Set (F. J. Motta); 4th, 1 Railway, Min; Parla (delivered); 5th, 1 Row and Arrow Set, H. Dixon (delivered).

5th Drawing: —
1st, 1 Cushion, A. Golicki; 2nd, 1 Blue Doll, I. W. Cressey (delivered); 3rd, 1 Eureka, C. G. Harlan; 4th, 1 Wheel Barrow, J. da Rosa; 5th, 1 Ping Pong Set, E. Walker.

6th Drawing: —
1st, 1 Doll's House (ticket No. 85), E. Curtis; 2nd, 1 Coffee Pot (15), Mrs. L. Gascon; 3rd, 1 Box Blocks (40), Tung Chung Wei; 4th, 1 Counters (8), Father D. Ayala; 5th, 1 Motor Cycle Game (17), H. Dixon (delivered).

7th Drawing: —
1st, 1 Baby Doll, M. T. Murphy; 2nd, 1 Tea Set, Nora Zimmern; 3rd, 1 Daisy Set, L. Rocha; 4th, 1 Box Blocks, Maria J. da Cruz; 5th, 1 Ping Pong Set, F. Prata, American Stall.

1st Drawing: —

PUREE DE POIS

By
BESOMORO.

SURELY A RACING CANARD!

That "it is not obligatory for any rider to ride his horse 'out,' if he has no possible chance of winning, and, also, if a rider sees he cannot win, he is not obliged to ride for a 'place.'" This statement was made, only yesterday, by a racing critic in a morning contemporary. If the critic has not been misinformed, then, I think, it is time the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club revised the rule, the understanding, or whatever it may be. I am not what is usually described as a "racing man," and that may account for the surprise which came to me upon reading this declaration. Enough said for the present, but I should like to hear what the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club have to say concerning the "obligations" of riders.

BLONDES NOT ALWAYS PREFERRED.

According to a Paris newspaper correspondent, a Paris court has been asked by a dancer to decide, whether, or not it is true that gentlemen prefer blondes. A pretty brunette, engaged as a dancing partner in a Montmartre night club, came to the conclusion that blondes were more in demand than brunettes. She, therefore, had her hair bleached to a flaxen tint, in order to hold her own with natural blondes. The manager of the club was furious. He, at any rate, did not prefer blondes. He argued that he had engaged the dancer as a brunette, and that she had automatically put an end to her contract by making herself a blonde. The dancer, therefore, was summarily dismissed. The manager not only said that gentlemen sometimes prefer brunettes, but added that many of them preferred that dancing partners, whom they knew, should remain either the one or the other, and not change themselves beyond recognition every night. The Montmartre magistrate, who heard the case, took the view that a woman is entitled to individual liberty so far as her personal appearance is concerned; and held that the manager must either fulfill the contract or pay damages.

SIR WILLIAM PORTAL.

Sir William Wyndham Portal, after a long illness, and at the age of 81, died in October in England. His memory is recalled, because of his association with Bank of England notes. He was the head of the old Huguenot family and of the paper-making business founded by Henri Portal, who escaped from France hidden in a wine cask, after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. Henri Portal acquired the privilege of manufacturing the paper for Bank of England notes in 1724, and the privilege has remained with the family to this day.

ASSASSINATIONS IN INDIA.

The toll of the assassin in India is mounting higher and higher as the years go by, so I was not surprised to read recently that Europeans in India had formed an anti-terrorist organisation, also that the Government of Bengal, in which province assassinations are most frequent, had set themselves to the task of breaking up terrorist gangs and are at present engaged in combating out the Chittagong area. Sir Stanley Jackson announced that cases of attempted murder by terrorists, henceforth, will be punishable by the death penalty indicates the gravity of the situation. When will Young India learn that every bomb cast, every shot fired, every dagger plunge, every Government officer and European killed or even wounded damns India as a whole and is a definite step back from the goal — Swaraj.

This calls to mind, in connection with the death in October of Lady Wyllie, the assassination of her husband, Col. Sir Curzon Wyllie, as he was about to leave a reception at the Imperial Institute twenty-two years ago. Sir Curzon, who, at the time, was political aide-de-camp to the then Secretary of State for India, Lord Morley, was shot dead by a young Indian engineering student of University College, London. On that occasion not only was Sir Curzon killed, but a Dr. Lalceua, who rushed to Sir Curzon's aid, was also fatally shot. The young Indian student was subsequently executed at Pentonville. This is the first Indian outrage committed in England.

CUPIDITY.

Father Robbed While Girls Were Serenaded.

Loudly strumming love ballads upon guitars, four young musicians serenaded Don Miguel Gonzalez and his seven unmarried daughters at Salta Town, Argentina, one night.

The family were delighted until the next morning. Then it was discovered that the quartet had been a sound barrage under cover of which the entire stock of hens belonging to Don Gonzalez had been stolen.

It is rumoured that Little Red Riding Hood was a Bolshevik.

To-day's Thought.

You can move some people farthest by merely tickling their vanity.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of December 9, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6 7/8.

Gaily decorated in the approved Chinese way, the Kam Ling Hotel, Shektsongshui, yesterday afternoon was crowded by a large gathering that assembled to honour the San Francisco trade delegates, who were the guests of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce at a tea party. After the party, by way of a rousing departure a long Chinese cracker was set alight at the entrance to the Hotel, and amid its splutterings the delegation departed for embarkation on the s.s. Empire State which sailed for San Francisco the same evening.

FIRST MARRIAGE IN VATICAN CITY.

The first marriage to be celebrated between citizens of the city of the Vatican occurred on November 16.

The bridegroom was one of the servants of the household and the bride was the daughter of one of the Pope's valets.

MATCH-BOX COLLECTORS

A DELIGHTFUL SOLOQUY.

By
"Londoner" in the
Evening Standard.

It was not for the beauty of the picture that I had snipped those few inches out of a newspaper. Now that I am tidying my table I cannot say why I have kept this thing by me so long. I may even have had the thought that I would make a text of it, that some day I should take a pen and jear at this gentleman in the picture.

For he shows himself to be one of those foolish men who are called collectors. Here you have him surrounded by his trophies, gazing proudly at his collection. I am myself a collector; why should I not jear at this one, who has collected things which are not at all in my way?

I laugh at the poor fellow. See with what follies he has occupied himself! Had he nothing better to do than to collect empty match-boxes? But this was his fancy; I read that he "has a collection numbering thousands of match-boxes."

So harshly I could have spoken of this silly gentleman; you will have remarked that I have never come to collecting such trash as these boxes which he has lovingly set out over all the walls of his smoking room. But now I am in a kinder humour. I am remembering the Russian prince who, in the novel called *Sylvester Bonnard*, was also a match-box jeeper.

Once upon a time I heard M. Anatole France describe this novel as the most blameless of his books. An innocent book. Reading it, you feel good and benevolent as did Mr. Scrooge in Dickens's Christmas Carol after he had awakened on Christmas morning. That Russian prince was indeed foolish as any collector can be, not collecting the pieces which are to my own taste. But I forgive him his folly.

For I can remember so well the excuses made by the French wife of the Russian prince who collected match-boxes like the gentleman in the picture. Dimitri, said she—Dimitri was the husband—had tried all kinds of collections—dog-collars—uniform buttons—postage stamps. At last the only things which interested him were the little cardboard match-boxes with the coloured chromos on their covers.

Dimitri and his princess were in Sicily to buy, for a hundred francs, one of the very rare match-boxes of the type which had the portraits of certain popular leaders; the police had seized the rest of those boxes, imprisoning their maker.

Next Summer, the two collectors would be in Sweden, where they hoped to complete their Swedish series.

What could they do? Although, as the princess added, one may grow weary even of match-boxes. Once, said she, her share of troubles kept her from being tired of things; troubles are a great relief.

No doubt but that she was right. Our troubles help us to endure life happily. And if you have none, or not enough of them, you can imitate the princess and collect match-boxes.

Now I can think of him as a brother collector, even as old Sylvester Bonnard began to regard the Russian and his lady. M. Bonnard had the noble desire for noble things, or for the things which he and I would take to be noble. He loved old books, manuscripts with the initials painted and gilt; M. Sylvester Bonnard would have looked kindly upon my brass candlesticks which are such as you may see in ancient Flemish pictures. But he considered pitifully the desire for rare match-boxes which possessed that sad Russian prince.

And I too. If the gentleman whose portrait was in the newspaper would let me into his study, I could gaze for a while at his boxes. At least they would please me more than omnibus-tickets, more than dog-collars, more than old postage-stamps. I could meditate comfortably enough over the large penny box of matches which was the penny box of my childhood; it bore the head of Sir Garnet Wolseley until General Gordon pushed Sir Garnet out of that popularity.

In a drawer of a table near to me is a match-box which I collected for myself. A beautiful box of brown oak carved with flowers in the seventeenth century. It has a place for the flint and the steel, but beside that place is one which must surely be for those matches which were slips of wood, the ends dipped in sulphur. So you can call it a match-box and me a match-box collector like the man in the newspaper picture, like the Russian prince. Yet we are all living out our lives and need not scold one another for any taste which is not common to each one of us; it may take the place of those troubles which had once comforted the princess.—The Londoner in Evening News.

MIDDAY STROLL IN VIENNA.

To see something of the Viennese, let us take a midday stroll along the Karntner-ring in front of the two big hotels, and up the Karntnerstrasse to the Graben. The promenade is still a social institution, and perhaps we shall see some elegant members of the old imperial aristocracy and one or two celebrities of the theatre and the opera. The number of people who appear to know each other on the Karntnerstrasse between twelve and one is astonishing; there is a constant raising of hats, a succession of enthusiastic greetings, little groups stopping in earnest discussion or frivolous chatter, girls waiting at one or the other of the recognised rendezvous for the young men who hurry up and put into action the universal Viennese salutation, "Juss' die Hand."

The Graben, which connects the Karntnerstrasse with the quieter but equally fashionable Kohlmarkt, is a short street, but broad enough to have room for a cafe in its centre. We will rest here for a while and look out at the life of the pavement between flowerpots and shrubs, for the cafes make their contribution to the profusion of flowers, which is part of Vienna's beauty—flowers in parks and gardens, flowers in grass plots beside the Ring, flower-girls within call at the restaurants and cafes, flowers in window-boxes of offices and shops and private houses, even baskets of flowers on the lamp standards for six months of the year.

It is quiet enough here in the Graben, save for the ceaseless chirp of the taxis, whose drivers keep up

the same double call on the same note with a conscientious ardour that slackens only when they accelerate on approaching a corner. Now the crowd across the way is beginning to change; the idlers are disappearing, and in their place come the workers from shops, offices and banks to enjoy the sun in their lunch-hour, the men mostly bare-headed and remarkably British in appearance, the girls dressed with as good taste as the earlier promenaders, and carrying their clothes and themselves with the same Viennese grace.

The cafe is perhaps the least changed of all the traditional Viennese institutions; it is still the club, reading-room, writing-room, business conference room, and the place for talking, thinking and dreaming, that it has always been. Except the fortunate few who can afford a "cottage" in the Währing or Hietzing districts, almost everyone in Vienna lives in a flat. And though nowadays one is allowed a key and so suffers no longer the inquisitive scrutiny of a Hausmeister on coming home after ten in the evening, the flat is still limited in its resources, and the cafe still the compensating resort.

Viennese courtesy is instinctive and transparently sincere. Even in the shops it is seemingly quite disinterested—almost everyone who serves you can speak English, and the bargaining which as a matter of course is expected to precede each purchase is conducted so delightfully that you will soon come to look upon shopping as one of the most attractive of the city's entertainments. And when in the street you ask your way of a pas-

LUBECK TRIAL DRAMA.

Doctor Admits His Error.

BLAME FOR DEATH OF 76 BABIES

An exceedingly dramatic incident occurred in the Lubeck babies case, when Prof. Deycke, one of the three accused doctors broke down and, with tears streaming down his cheeks, admitted that he had been guilty of a scientific error in making use of the Calmette anti-tuberculosis preparations, which caused the deaths of 76 infants.

The accused doctor, who is director of that hospital and is out of health, was allowed to sit in an armchair. Suddenly he staggered to his feet, and holding on to the table in front of him with trembling hands, said:

"I beg that I may be allowed to stand, as I have something very serious to say. In 1929 it was my firm conviction that the Calmette treatment was not only harmless but beneficial. I now confess without reservation that this was a scientific error, and I have come to this conclusion through the scientific work I have done since the misfortune."

"If the Court thinks this error punishable, let it condemn me. I fear no one, as I have often shown to men before whom others have trembled. I am not afraid of death. I am near the end of my life. During the year and a half that have elapsed since the catastrophe I have often wished that night would swallow me up."

At this point Professor Deycke broke down completely, and literally sobbed out:

"I did not wish it because I wanted to evade responsibility, but—and let the unhappy parents note this—because the thought of this calamity tormented me. I deplore most deeply that I co-operated in it. But at the time I acted on conviction."

A Struggle for Speech. Here the accused was absolutely overcome. He stood struggling for speech, but no word crossed his lips. For half a minute a death-like silence pervaded the court. Then, with sunken head, he murmured: "May I sit down for a moment?" and sank back on his armchair. But he did not remain long seated. With an effort he struggled once more to his feet, and continued:

"The tragedy that has happened torments me, especially because precisely I to whom this disaster has happened have tried all my life to cure the tuberculous. Perhaps the unhappy parents will at least give me credit for this intention."

With a voice gaining in vigour, the professor went on:

"I repent—my belief in the Calmette preparation was an error. If the Court thinks it must be punishable, good. But I demand that I alone shall be condemned and not my assistants. Dr. Altschneider has trusted me absolutely. Also Anna Schutze, who has served me faithfully for seventeen years without committing the slightest slip. It will be terrible and unbearable for me if my assistants were to be condemned and I perhaps set free."

During the further hearing Professor Deycke went into the possibility of the original Calmette culture being exchanged for another or polluted in the Lubeck laboratory. He said that the Calmette culture and the Deycke-Schuch culture were dealt with on different days, in different rooms and with different instruments.

"UNKNOWN SOLDIER."

There is a man at Wiesbaden obsessed with the idea that he is the Unknown Soldier.

Carrying a board on which he had written "Here rests in peace the Unknown Soldier" and wearing a white skirt, he made his way to a newly-dug grave in one of the local cemeteries and there made a long oration in both German and Latin.

His oration completed, he carefully planted his board in the soil at the head of the grave and then stepped into the latter and laid himself down.

Called by members of the public who thought something must be wrong, caretakers pulled the "Unknown Soldier" out of the grave and removed him to a hospital.

ser-by you are made to feel that you are genuinely giving pleasure instead of begging a favour. Their characteristic friendliness, too well-bred ever to be offensive, betrays these people wherever they may be.—From "Austria," by J. D. Newth.

TREE APE THAT "WENT HUMAN."

18,000,000 Years to Evolve a Foot.

"Man is what he is because of his brain," was the theme of Sir Arthur Keith, the anthropologist, in a discourse on evolution to the British Association in the Hall of the Royal Geographical Society. Sir Arthur put the antiquity of the human stem at 20,000,000 years and declared that 18,000,000 years was needed to evolve the human foot.

He stressed his view that the common ancestor of anthropoid apes and man was an arboreal, or tree-climbing, animal. "It was on the trees, not on the ground," he said, "that man came by the initial stages of his posture and carriage."

Sir Arthur contrasted the ways in which animals climb trees. Some use their arms more than their legs or legs more than their arms; and he said that it was in this way that a tree-climbing ape had first diverged from purely simian characteristics in a humanward direction by specialisation of spine, legs, and foot. He said:—

"When we compare the brain casts of early pleistocene representatives of man with their successors in the latter third of the pleistocene period we see that in this apparently short period the human brain must have undergone a great increase of size, complexity and inferentially in power."

"I can see no way of accounting for man's structure, his posture, and manner of progression, except by supposing that in his evolution he has passed through a small anthropoid stage and then a large anthropoid stage. These we know of."

Too Many Incompetents.

During a discussion in the Zoology section on population, Professor E. W. MacBride, the marine biologist of the Imperial College of Science, advanced the startling theory that in 30 years Great Britain will have a stationary population and be overcrowded. He said: "Every legislative step in recent years has made it possible for more incompetent people to live in these islands and less people to seek their fortunes abroad. I should say the day of judgment will approach within a reasonable time."

If a man goes on producing children with utter indifference, relying on Poor Law and various doles to support them, I think in such a case economic sterilisation, which can be painlessly effected is the only ultimate remedy."

Sir O. Lodge's Hair on End.

Sir Oliver Lodge made his hair stand on end to the amazement of his audience during his address on wireless communications at the Royal College of Music.

He took a rod and rubbed it briskly with a flannel.

"I am transferring electrons from the flannel to the rod," he explained as he placed the rod against his domelike head and snow white hair and pointed to the effect of the electricity.

THE GOOD GROUSE.

Some Triumphant Grumblers.

[By P. H. J.]

The child in a Blackpool tram who was overheard by a friend of mine would be hard to beat as an example of the perfect grumbler. He sat, sourly, between the fond father and mother and ended a long diatribe with a statement that "He'd tramped all over the fairground, had no coconut, and been on nowt." At this point, apparently thinking that a present and concrete example would be forceful, he pointed through the window at a stout woman entering a cab. "An' look at you woman gettin' in a cab, an' aw've ne'er been in a cab in my life," he finished, and relapsed into triumphant sulks.

The most delightful example ever encountered was the soldier in a Gallipoli trench who, with the rest of us, was standing rigidly to attention while a general and staff made a hurried inspection of the "line," pausing now and then to speak a cheery word to various men. "Well, my man, and how are you feeling to-day?" The retort was "unexpected, almost unprecedented. 'Fed up, sir,' said my neighbour in a voice suitable to the phrase. Our colonel looked daggers, a sergeant automatically pulled out his book to jot down the name. For a moment the red-tubs and the general were taken aback.

but they recovered and saved the situation. "So are we all, my boy, so are we all . . . cheer up, we'll be over the top of that little hill and the war over in another month or so." Then they passed on hurriedly.

Two Little Boys.

There arises an earlier memory of a small boy who suddenly arose in the middle of a lovely summer afternoon when the flies were buzzing in the windows and arithmetic had become a terrible monster that sat on our shoulders. "Here, where are you going?" asked the master as the small figure, books under arm, reached the door. "I don't like school and I'm going home," came the reply, and the youngsters were the other side of the door and away before justice could overtake him—for that day. Such gallant revolutionists are, alas, too soon broken under the heel of ordered things; even home and the people who had hitherto backed him failed him that time. What kind of a world was this then that drove you into sweaty rooms when there was sunlight, birds, and butterflies to chase outside? A sour and chastened philosopher sat him down the next day and thenceforward went on with arithmetic, but nursing a hatred of all "grown-ups" and only desiring manhood to come swiftly that he might flout the shackles and the petty tyrants.

"What's the matter, Jimmie?" I asked a small boy, who occasionally took sanctuary in my garden, when I found him hiding in a corner by the evergreens. "They're going out in the car," he said disgustedly (referring to his father and mother). "If I go with them I'll have to sit there all day wasting my time, when I could be enjoying myself at home." His enjoyment consisted of drawing and reading; so much for one modern child and the motor-car!

We are, of course, a grumbling nation, as any foreigner will tell you. There is a spice of grim humour in our grumbles, it is true, as in that of the old Scotsman farmer who had prayed more loudly than the rest in the kirk for rain. On reaching the door he was confronted by a glorious deluge. "Well, Jamie, your prayers are answered," said the minister. "Aye," said Jamie, glancing down at his clothes, "if I'd had mair faith I'd ha' brought an umbrella wi' me, an' if the Lord had had mair sense He'd ha' held the rain while I ganged home wi' my Sunday breaks dry."

News in Brief.

Yesterday's lowest open air temperature was 69 degrees. The humidity was 87 at 10 a.m. and 88 at 4 p.m.

An interesting description of the growth and present work of Tai Kam Ieper island, about 90 miles south of Canton, was given by the Rev. John Lake in the Kowloon Union Church last night.

We are informed by the Secretary of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society that according to present arrangements, the Committee have decided to hold the Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables on Thursday, March 3.

HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.—There will be a song recital by Miss Ida Hoyt, pianist, composer, singer and pianist, on Thursday, December 17, at 5.30 p.m. This will take the place of the Children's Play. Members are reminded to book tables for teas.—Adv.

Personal Pars.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Biggar sailed yesterday by the a.s. President Coolidge.

Mr. Wallace Harper and Dr. C. C. Wu left for Shanghai by the a.s. President Coolidge.

Dr. E. C. Humphreys, son of Mr. Henry Humphreys, just recently arrived in Hong Kong, intends to practise dental surgery early in the New Year. Dr. Humphreys was born in Hong Kong, but has been in England for a number of years.

One thing that has impressed me is the growth of the spirit of goodwill among European nations.—Mr. Stimson.

In these days, to us seniors all seem to be work-tired.—Sir Henry E. Armstrong.

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He said that he was on his way to see his mother at Auteuil to-day.



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SUWA MARU	Friday,	25th December.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.		
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday,	26th December.
KAMO MARU	Saturday,	28th January.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
KAGA MARU	Friday,	11th December.
HANKOW MARU	Monday,	21st December.
TOKIWA MARU	Sunday,	27th December.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.		
HEIYO MARU	Tuesday,	22nd December.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.		
TATSUNO MARU	Monday,	4th January.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa & Marseilles.		
DAKAR MARU	Sunday,	20th December.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
CALCUTTA MARU	Tuesday,	15th December.
PENANG MARU	Tuesday,	29th December.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.		
HAOKAZAKI MARU	Friday,	11th December.
KAMO MARU (Nagasaki direct)	Friday,	18th December.
TERUKUNI MARU	Thursday,	24th December.

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La Plata Maru	Wed.,	30th Dec.
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Africa Maru	Tues.,	5th Jan.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila, Japan Ports (Frequent Services).		
Brisbane Maru	Tues.,	5th Jan.
Havanna Maru	Wed.,	9th Dec.
Himalaya Maru	Thurs.,	24th Dec.
Andes Maru	Mon.,	14th Dec.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.		
Kwansai Maru	Mon.,	14th Dec.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore & Colombo.		
Shinnoh Maru	Sat.,	19th Dec.
Burma Maru	Fri.,	18th Dec.
Menado Maru	Fri.,	11th Dec.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).		
Hozan Maru	Sun.,	13th Dec.
Canton Maru	Sun.,	20th Dec.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.		
Canada Maru	Fri.,	8th Jan.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).		
Deli Maru	Thurs.,	17th Dec.

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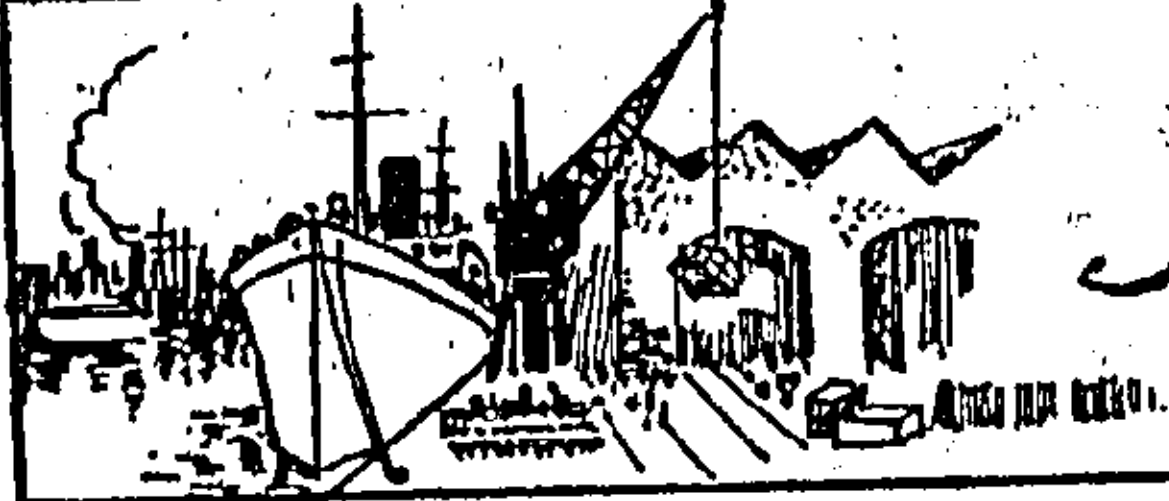
Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
TAI HING	SUN. 13th	TUES. 15th	TUES. 15th	WED. 16th
TAI HING	THURS. 17th	SAT. 19th	SUN. 20th	MON. 21st
TAI HING	SUN. 20th	TUES. 22nd	WED. 23rd	THURS. 24th
TAI HING	TUES. 22nd	THURS. 24th	FRI. 25th	SAT. 26th
TAI HING	FRI. 25th	SUN. 27th	MON. 28th	TUES. 29th
TAI HING	MON. 28th	WED. 30th	THURS. 31st	FRI. 1st
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Shipping Intelligence.

SHIPS ARRIVALS.

Monday, December 7.	
Autolycus, British str., 4,859 tons, Capt. T. B. Nelson, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.	
Baron, Earlsline, British str., 2,216 tons, Capt. J. Macdonald, from Calcutta, buoy No. B27.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Bengal Maru, Japanese str., 3,231 tons, Capt. K. Kannauhi, from Sakito, buoy No. A8.—N.Y.K.	
Borneo, British str., 1,297 tons, Capt. R. A. Pritchard, from Hoikow, buoy No. B17.—Shun Tai & Co.	
Bueland, Norwegian str., 2,299 tons, Capt. A. Dahl, from Swatow, Yau-mati Anchorage.—Wallace & Co.	
Daviken, Norwegian str., 1,778 tons, Capt. G. Svane, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.	
Havana Maru, Japanese str., 3,450 tons, Capt. N. Yamanoi, from Penang, buoy No. B4.—O.S.K.	
Hong Kheng, British str., 3,975 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore, buoy No. A14.—Ho Thong & Co.	
Mabella, Norwegian str., 840 tons, Capt. Svendsen, from Bangkok, buoy No. B12.—Wing Fong Hong.	
Mirzapore, British str., 4,131 tons, Capt. W. D. C. Smith, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.	
Nankin, British str., 4,348 tons, Captain A. S. Gordon, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.	
New Mathilde, British str., 842 tons, Capt. D. Thomas, from Pakhoi, buoy No. C1.—Yik Tai & Co.	
President Coolidge, American str., 13,029 tons, Capt. K. A. Ahlin, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf. Dollar S.S. Line.	
Soochow, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. H. Gifford, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.	
Sipora, Dutch str., 941 tons, Capt. A. Lindeman, from Canton, Yau-mati Anchorage.—J.C.J.L.	
Tuesday, December 8.	
Chung Hwah, Chinese str., 3,871 tons, Capt. S. Nakamo, from Dairen, buoy No. A9.—Shun Tai, Hong.	
Felix Roussel, French str., 9,179 tons, Captain Clarice, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.	
Kalgan, British str., 1,556 tons, Capt. C. P. Miller, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.	
Kwangchow, British str., 1,762 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Canton, Takoo Dock.—B. & S.	
Michael Jensen, Danish str., 1,343 tons, Captain H. Ipland, from Hoikow, buoy No. B17.—Chin Sing Hong.	

Panama Maru, Japanese str., 3,567 tons, Capt. S. Kurimuro, from Tawan, buoy No. A2.—O.S.K.

Rowena, Norwegian str., 2,347 tons, Capt. Hansen, from Chinwang-tao, buoy No. B28.—Dodwell & Co.

Shun Chih, Chinese str., 1,283 tons, Capt. W. C. Freer, from Saigon, buoy No. 10.—Chang Tong Ha.

Silverpalm, British str., 3,385 tons, Capt. Dunnett, from Shanghai, buoy No. A11.—J.C.J.L.

Tjisandane, Dutch str., 5,780 tons, Capt. Blankert, from Tg. Priok, buoy No. A1.—J.C.J.L.

CLEARANCES.

Monday, December 7.
Anshun, for Swatow.
Benvaroch, for Newcastle.
Borneo, for Canton.
Dunafic, for Whampoa.
Halvdan, for Port Courbet.
Hong Peng, for Singapore.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Jeff Davis, for Manila.
Jeff Davis, for Halphong.
Kueichow, for Chefoo.
Kwaisang, for Canton.
Morioka Maru, for Kobe.
Munam, for Swatow.
Mao Lee, from Dairen.
Minnie Moller, for Canton.
Sipora, for Beraoe.
Sipirok, for Beraoe.
Tsinan, for Canton.

Tuesday, December 8.
Apoc, for Hongay.
Athelqueen, for Manila.
Bengal Maru, for Singapore.
Bueland, for Hongay.
Felix Roussel, for Saigon.
Haining, for Swatow.
Haldis, for Dainy.
Hermid, for Singapore.
Hong Kheng, for Swatow.
Kaiapoi, for Tonku.
Mirzapore, for Shanghai.
Mitsuki Maru, for Port Courbet.
Nankin, for Shanghai.
Olympia, for Manila.
Panama Maru, for Takao.
President Coolidge, for Shanghai.
Silverpalm, for Manila.
Soochow, for Swatow.
Tjibadak, for Manila.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bruce—South wall.
Cornwall—No. 5 buoy.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Kent—North arm.
Marazion—East wall.
Medway and Sub.—No. 2 buoy.
Moth—South wall.
Olympus—In dock.
Osiris—In dock.
Perseus—In dock.
Seraph—North wall.
Serapis—North wall.
Sirdar—North wall.
Sterling—North wall.
Suffolk—West wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Craonne—French despatch vessel.
Gil Eanes—Portuguese transport.

DAIREN'S CHINA COASTAL SHIPPING.

Hard Hit By Boycott Movement.

Dairen, November 28.
The Chinese economic boycott, China's passive retaliation for the occupation of Manchuria, is playing havoc with Japan's large carrying trade along the China coast. Japanese shipping is carrying less and less, both of passengers and freight. In fact, conditions are so bad that the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha which is engaged in the Yangtze trade, has had to lay up its fleet of vessels.
It is apparent also that the Dairen Kisen Kaisha vessels plying between Dairen and Shanghai are doing little more than carry traffic brought from Europe by the trans-Siberian railway and a small proportion of the large number of Chinese steerage passengers who are leaving Manchuria owing to the disturbed conditions there.
For Japanese ships plying between Shanghai and Tientsin the position is even worse. Japanese officials describe how very recently a Japanese coaster left Shanghai for North China with only one passenger in the first and second classes.
The situation as he described it was not without humour. For one passenger it was ridiculous to make up a menu for each meal or to run the galley in the usual way. So he was asked to dispense with a menu and instead to notify the cook before each meal of the dishes he would require.

GIRL SAVES FISHERMAN.

Boat Capsized By Waves.

A young Cornish girl, Dorothy Hocking, helped to save the life of David Ewings, a fisherman, at Cawsand, near Plymouth.
Ewings and another man, named Alfred May, were running in from a fishing trip to Kingsand Beach when their boat was capsized by the heavy seas. Ewings was pinned underneath, when Dorothy saw the accident, says the Evening Standard of November 9. With her uncle and another fisherman, named Spiller, she dashed into the sea and succeeded in releasing Ewings from the boat, which had been driven into shallow water.
Ewings, who was unconscious, was revived by artificial respiration. May in the meantime had managed to struggle ashore.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 5, and is due here on December 25. She will sail for Manila on December 26 at 5 p.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Vancouver on Dec. 8 (Tue.) at 7 a.m., leaves Vancouver on Dec. 19 (Sat.), is due at Hong Kong on Jan. 11 (Mon.), and leaves Hong Kong the same evening for Manila.



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Emp. of Japan	Jan. 2 1933	Jan. 5 1933	Jan. 7 1933	Jan. 9 1933	Jan. 11 1933	Jan. 13 1933	Jan. 17 1933
Emp. of Asia	Feb. 5 1933	Feb. 8 1933	Feb. 9 1933	Feb. 11 1933	Feb. 13 1933	Feb. 15 1933	Feb. 22 1933
Emp. of Canada	Feb. 20 1933	Feb. 23 1933	Feb. 25 1933	Feb. 27 1933	Mar. 1 1933	Mar. 3 1933	Mar. 6 1933
Emp. of Russia	Mar. 4 1933	Mar. 7 1933	Mar. 8 1933	Mar. 10 1933	Mar. 12 1933	Mar. 14 1933	Mar. 21 1933
Emp. of Japan	Mar. 15 1933	Mar. 18 1933	Mar. 20 1933	Mar. 22 1933	Mar. 24 1933	Mar. 26 1933	Mar. 31 1933
Emp. of Asia	Mar. 25 1933	Mar. 28 1933	Mar. 29 1933	Mar. 31 1933	Apr. 2 1933	Apr. 4 1933	Apr. 11 1933
Emp. of Canada	Apr. 9 1933	Apr. 12 1933	Apr. 14 1933	Apr. 16 1933	Apr. 18 1933	Apr. 20 1933	Apr. 27 1933
Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22 1933	Apr. 25 1933	Apr. 26 1933	Apr. 28 1933	Apr. 30 1933	May 2 1933	May 9 1933
Emp. of Japan	May 7 1933	May 10 1933	May 12 1933	May 14 1933	May 16 1933	May 18 1933	May 25 1933
Emp. of Asia	May 20 1933	May 23 1933	May 24 1933	May 26 1933	May 28 1933	May 30 1933	June 6 1933
Emp. of Canada	June 4 1933	June 7 1933	June 9 1933	June 11 1933	June 13 1933	June 15 1933	June 22 1933
Emp. of Russia	June 17 1933	June 20 1933	June 21 1933	June 23 1933	June 25 1933	June 27 1933	July 4 1933

HOLIDAY SUGGESTION.

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Leaves Manila	December 28
Arrives Hong Kong	December 30

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"AGAPENOR" 16th Jan. For Port Said, Genoa, Havre & Liverpool.

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KARMAIA	9,000	15th Jan.	M'scille, L'don, F'dam & A'werp.
CHITRAL	16,000	30th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,000	15th Feb.	M'scille, L'don, F'dam & A'werp.
NALDERA	16,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	6,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE	16,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	26th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
CORFU	16,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	16,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTRA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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CHITRAL	15,000	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	3rd Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NELLORE	7,000	4th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
*KALYAN	9,000	8th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	7,000	15th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	9,000	15th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*SOUDAN	6,800	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	7,000	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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RAJPUTANA	17,000	25th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CORFU	16,000	11th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	6,800	5th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	17,000	7th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CHITRAL	16,000	21st Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	5th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	19th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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par).—British United Press.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or
mean time of the meridian of 120
deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is
noon. The heights are referred to
the datum of the largest scale Ad-
miralty chart of the place and
should be added to the depths given
on the chart unless preceded by an
asterisk (*), when they should be
subtracted from the depths.

December 5 to 11, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
Dec.	Standard Times	Stand. rd. Times
Sat. 5	11. 04 18. 28	11. 47 00. 02
Sun. 6	10. 56 18. 20	12. 00 00. 28
Mon. 7	10. 48 18. 12	12. 10 01. 24
Tues. 8	10. 40 18. 04	12. 20 01. 36
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LONE VOYAGER IN THE CHANNEL.

"Sixty-Eight Days Out
from Quebec."

Brixham (Devon), Oct. 7.

The Brixham fishing smack Fern-
leas, when 13 miles off Start Point,
spoke to a small boat with one man
aboard. Skipper J. Rowe, of the
Fernleas, states:—

"We understood from the man on
board that the boat was called the
Oben, and that she was 68 days out
from Quebec. He refused to give
his name. The boat was scarcely
bigger than our own."

"The man told us that he had run
short of petrol, and his food was
getting very short. We gave him
all the bread we could spare and
some fish. We invited him aboard
the Fernleas so that he could sleep.
He looked utterly worn out. He
badly needed a wash, his beard was
long, and his face was dirty."

"He refused to come aboard as
he said he was doing the voyage
for a wager, adding, 'No, more
wagers for me. I'll never do this
again.'"

"He told us he had lost his bear-
ings through encountering foggy
weather coming up the Channel."

Bent on Winning.

"I suggested that he should go
into Dartmouth for food and rest,
but he refused, as he was bent on
winning his wager. I then sug-
gested that he follow the Fernleas
until he could take the correct bear-
ings of the Start. This he did."

The Oben was alongside the Fern-
leas for over an hour. We did
everything we could to entice the
man to come aboard, but he refused.

"When we last saw him he was
taking an easterly course up
the Channel."

When another Brixham smack,
the Valerian, arrived at Brixham
later her skipper, Mr. Ernest Soper,
also reported having hailed the
Oben. He said:

"I would not sail from Brixham
to Plymouth in such a small boat.
When I saw her she was doing
about seven knots an hour in
squally and rainy weather with a
freshening south-west breeze."

"She's a Yank."

"She sailed round the Valerian
for about ten minutes. The man
on board looked as if his
limbs were cramped by lack
of space for exercise. We
invited him aboard the Valerian for
breakfast and to stretch his limbs,
but he refused."

"He was very anxious about his
bearings. 'What is my course to
London? I have lost my bearings,'
he asked. I replied: 'Take an
E.N.E. course and pick up Port-
land, and then follow the coast to
London.' He shook his head and
evidently wanted a mid-Channel
course. I then shouted: 'E by N,'
to which he replied: 'O.K., Chief,'
I said to my crew: 'She's a Yank
by that slang.' Then he shaped
away for a mid-Channel course."

When Skipper Soper was told that
the Fernleas had sighted the Oben
in the same locality on the previous
day he suggested that the Oben had
hove-to during the night, so that
the lone voyager could rest.

SUEZ CANAL.

Marked Increase in
Traffic.

Paris, Nov. 18.

The latest bulletin of the Suez
Canal Company reports that there is
a marked increase in the amount of
Indo-Chinese merchandise sent
through the Canal. For the first
three quarters of the year it
amounts already to 397,000 tons, as
compared with 413,000 for the
whole year 1930. The main items
are rice and coal. The tonnage of
the rice sent by way of Suez has
amounted to 270,000 for the first
nine months of this year, as com-
pared with 237,000 for the whole
of 1930. Coal is a new element in
the list of goods from Indo-China.
In 1930 some 15,000 tons went
through the Canal, and in the first
nine months of this year the
amount was 42,000 tons.

SIR CHARLES WALKER.

To Retire from Admiralty.

Sir Charles Walker, K.C.B., who
has been Deputy Secretary of the
Admiralty for the past ten years,
will retire from the public service
on December 12 next, on attaining
the age of sixty. He will be suc-
ceeded in the post by Sir Vincent
Baddeley, K.C.B., one of the two
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Sir Charles Walker has been
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Sir Vincent Baddeley has since
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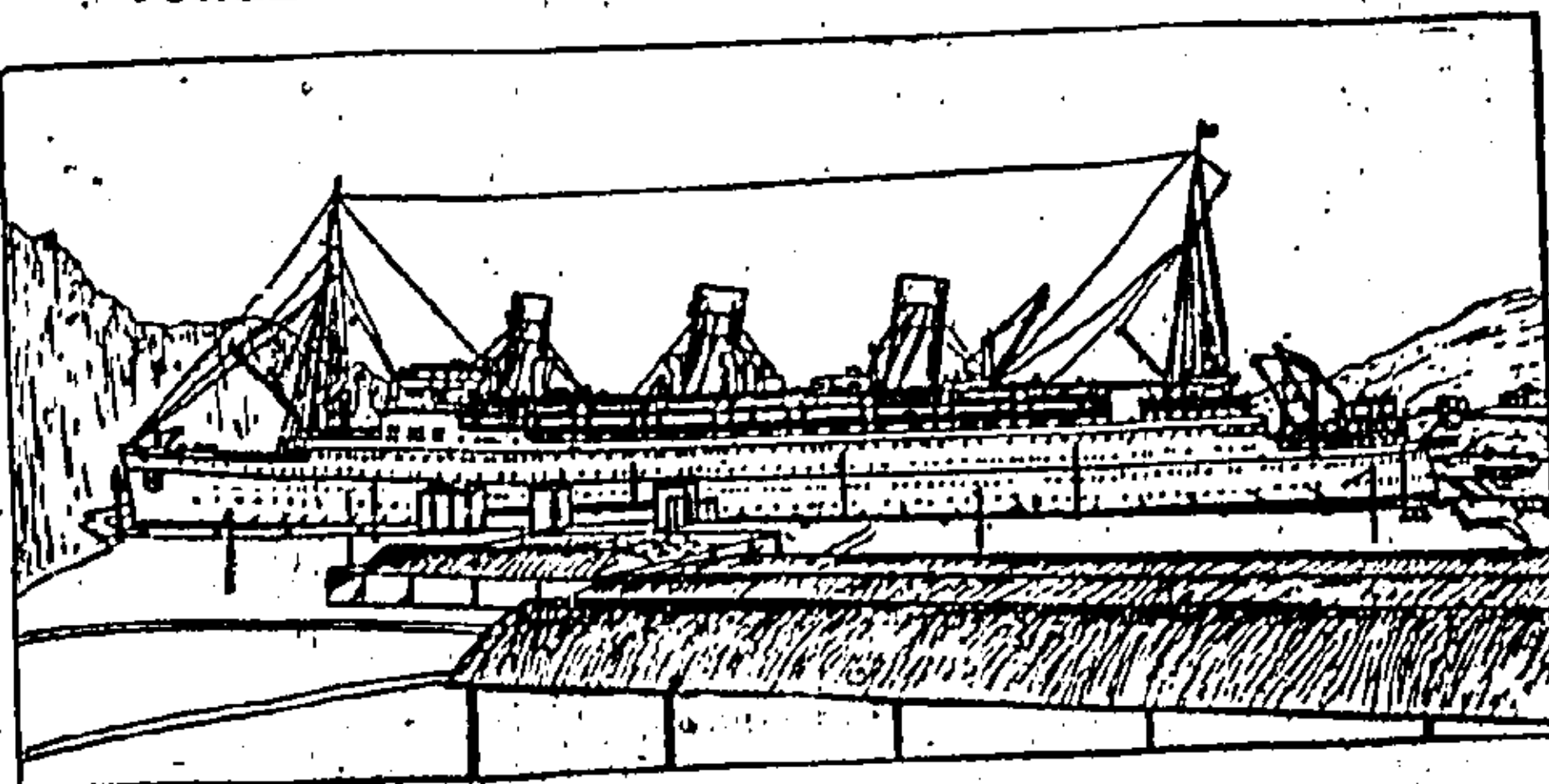
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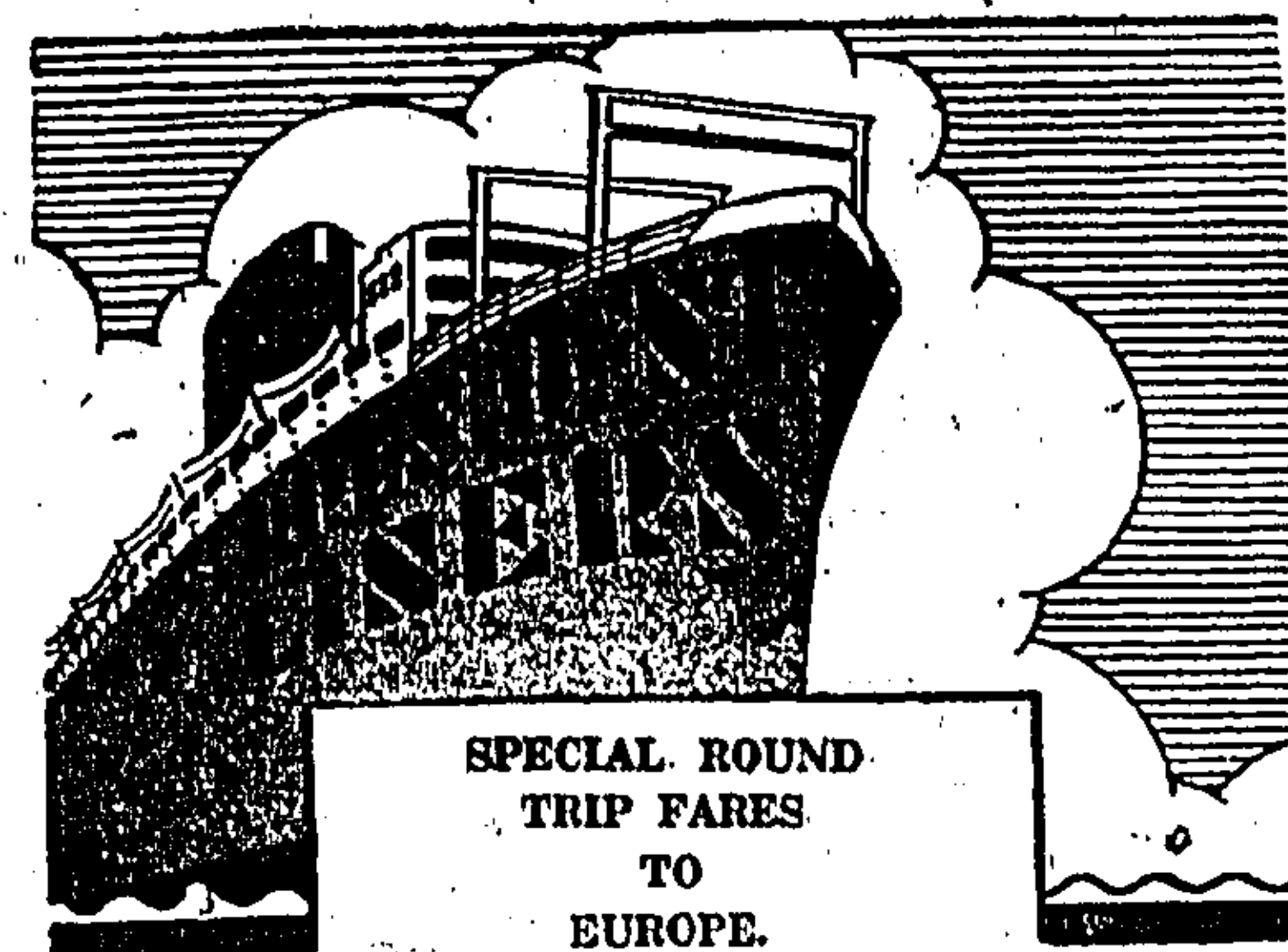
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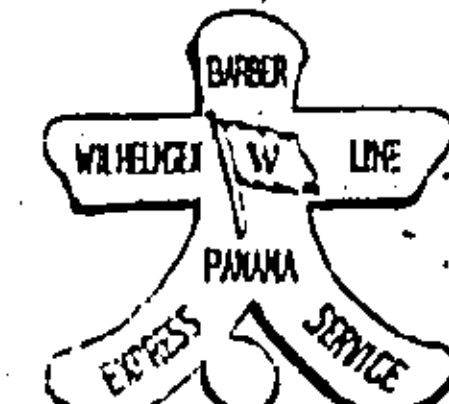
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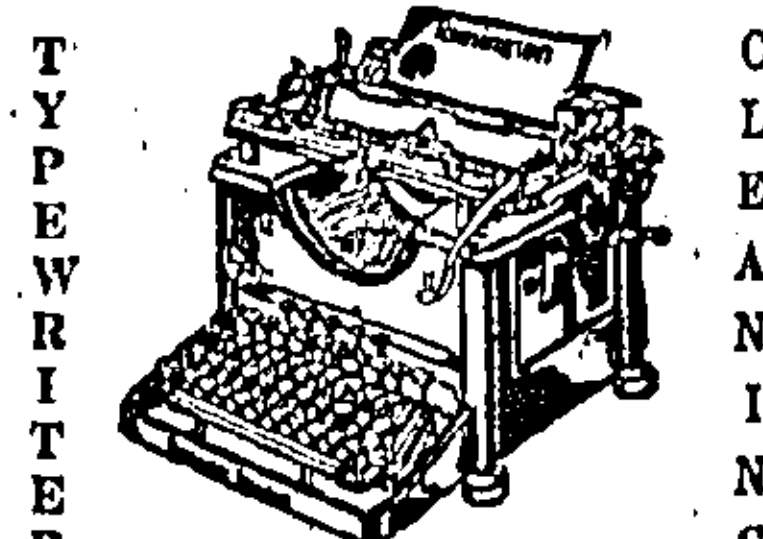
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Can't Sleep Through Making "Whoopie."

JOHN GILBERT.

[By Kathryn Hayden.]

John Gilbert is ill—victim of a mysterious malady which so far has completely baffled the physicians who have been called to the film star's hiding place.

For Gilbert is in hiding! Not one of the London representatives of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the American company which pays Gilbert the equivalent of \$2,000 a week, has the faintest idea of his whereabouts!

For the first time in the annals of stardom a Hollywood celebrity has paid a visit to these shores not only without his arrival being the occasion of a great tooting of trumpets, Press receptions and personal appearances, but with a deliberate plan on the star's part to tie the hands of his employers' Press agents and thereby make it impossible for them to commercialise his presence in London!

In order to throw zealous journalists off the track Gilbert spent the first night of his stay in London at the private residence of Captain Woolf Barnato, 50, Grosvenor-square, leaving early the next morning for his present secret retreat.

Captain Barnato, known amongst his friends as "Babe," has recently been in Hollywood, where he struck up a friendship with Gilbert, and they made the transcontinental and ocean trip together.

Gilbert's illness developed with alarming suddenness, within 24 hours of his landing at Southampton. The statement that appeared in one of the daily newspapers that the film star had contracted a cold—and made playful reference to the incongruity of such a great celebrity's falling victim to such a plebeian complaint—had no basis in fact. It was (and is) no "common cold" from which the star is suffering.

The plain truth is that Gilbert finds it impossible to sleep! Since his arrival he has not closed his eyes!

REPORT OF BRITISH NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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fact has led to a deficit on the British balance of trade with the rest of the world, a deficit which can only be remedied under our existing fiscal system by a great expansion of exports. Such an expansion would mean an abrupt reversal of the recent rapid fall in the volume of these exports and is in the nature of things unlikely to be achieved in the near future whatever success may attend the efforts to improve the efficiency of British industry.

Britain Must Drastically Reduce Imports.

14. British exports will not regain their position in international commerce until the general level of British costs has been reduced to a point at which our productivity and prices can compete with those of other industrial nations. The adjustment of these costs must occupy a considerable period of time. In the meanwhile, it is essential to correct the disequilibrium of the balance of trade and no other means are open to Great Britain than a drastic reduction in the volume of her imports, either by total prohibitions or by a general tariff. It is a recognised fact that the adoption of a tariff policy by Great Britain and the abandonment of her existing free trade system must impose obstacles to the settlement of international debts owing to her for the services rendered by her shipping, her banks and others and as interest on her foreign investments.

15. The urgency of the present situation must, however, over-rule this consideration. An expansion of the world crisis by enforcing on the attention of other nations—through the partial closing of the great British markets—of the truth of the views on international trade expressed in this memorandum is

His physician gave him an injection of a potent sedative, which he prophesied would render the patient unconscious for at least ten hours. Its effects, he declared, would begin to make themselves felt within 30 minutes.

Gilbert, resting in bed, bade his valet remain with him for the half-hour until he began to feel drowsy. This was nine o'clock in the evening. At two o'clock in the morning he ordered the valet to leave him and get some sleep himself! And for the rest of the night Gilbert tossed and turned and found sleep out of the question!

An eminent neurologist was called in consultation, and upon the outcome of his diagnosis of the case depends Gilbert's next move. It is altogether possible that he may take the next liner back to New York and thence straight on to Hollywood! And this in spite of the fact that his plans call for his remaining in Britain for almost three months.

Making "Whoopie."

The immediate cause of the film star's highly nervous condition—I am authoritatively informed—is the uninterrupted succession of "whoopie" parties in which Gilbert figured from the time of his arrival in New York up to his departure from "Babe" Barnato's house.

It was during the wild, hectic week in New York that Gilbert devoted himself assiduously to Lupe Velez, every night finding them together in gilded spectacles and other gay resorts catering to sensation-seekers. Lupe was in the frolicsome party which accompanied Gilbert to his suite aboard the Europa, and bade him a wild farewell.

When the Pressmen asked them both if their "romance" foreshadowed an eventual marriage between them, Gilbert refused to make any statement whatever while the Mexican pepper pot clung tightly to his arm and declared mysteriously that she was very much in love!

Actually there is no more truth in the suggestion that Gilbert and Lupe have any serious intentions regarding one another than there is in the earlier report that emanated from Hollywood a few weeks ago—linking the Gilbert name with that of a Hawaiian princess. At that time Gilbert was quoted as saying that he was "fed up with

the only course open to Great Britain in the present crisis.

International Economic Conference.

16. When that step has been taken, however, Great Britain should take the lead in summoning a new international economic conference which would have for its object the adoption of conventions for the co-ordination of European and world tariffs upon such lines as would best assure the raising of the volume of international trade to a maximum level. In this connection, arrangements with different nations within or outside the British Empire or mutual concessions in regard to tariff rights, should be welcomed and there should be no hesitation in abandoning the most-favoured-nation clause after such intervals as were necessary for the denunciation of existing commercial treaties.

British Industries Must Adjust Themselves.

17. The adoption of a tariff alone will not cure British industrial troubles. Unless Great Britain is prepared to sacrifice her great international position, her industries must adjust themselves in every way to the new lower level of prices. Their present unit costs of production must be reduced until the combined emerging cost of British products again becomes competitive in all the world's markets.

The End.

18. When that end is achieved, the stream of international trade, now reduced to a thread will regain its former volume and the aggregate of world productive activity which alone provides sustenance, comfort and luxury, will once more expand until, though the number of pounds or shillings in the income may be fewer, consumable goods and services will be amply available to all those who work and those who now vainly seek employment will once again be actively occupied. Manchester Chamber of Commerce Monthly Record—October 1931.

Hollywood blondes," and was proving it by transferring his attentions to the Polynesian of distinctly dusky hue!

The ocean crossing was a distinctly "wet" one, so far as Gilbert was concerned. It was nearing dawn each night when the film star finally turned in for a few hours' sleep. It is not unnatural, then, that he wanted to go to bed immediately upon his arrival in London. But his host persuaded him to spend at least his first night in Town—after an absence of two years—in renewing acquaintance with all his best beloved West End rendezvous. And so it was again almost daybreak when Gilbert finally got to bed.

Since his departure from Hollywood, John Gilbert has consistently refused to have anything to say for publication. All the journalists who met him at Southampton—with

one exception—duly reported his curt refusal to grant an interview to anyone.

His unusual attitude led a film trade journal to charge him with being "rude to the Press." In point of fact, the reason that John Gilbert has flouted his employers and ignored newspaper representatives is a simple one—never before published.

Under his contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer he has two more films to make. He knows that that will be the end of his career as a film star! He says so himself! When he finishes the second of these two films—the production of which will begin in about three months' time—he will retire from the screen. You can take this as absolute.

An old friend of Gilbert's was admitted to his sick room. From him I have obtained particulars of unusual interest to the thousands of British cinema-goers who for many years have been ardent admirers of this Great Lover of Screenland.

"I am so nearly through with the whole business," he said. "After all, I've had seventeen years of it. Let somebody else have it now. I'm perfectly satisfied."

"As for the last two films that I'm to make under my contract, I haven't the slightest idea that either of them will be any better than the talkies which I have already made."

"When a Hollywood factory decides that you are finished as a box-office attraction—and decides to let you go—they deliberately arrange matters so that no rival studio will take you on, and build you into a strong opponent to your former employers."

"There's sound business sense in this policy, of course. So I am taking it for granted that the last two stories will be as cheap and tame as the others that have preceded them."

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Plaice	魚 肉	"	56 36 30
Pomfret, White	魚 肉	"	40 36 45
Pomfret, Black	魚 肉	"	40 10 14
Prayns	魚 肉	"	25 18 18
Ray	魚 肉	"	36 22 10
Rock Fish	魚 肉	"	58 30 30
Roach	魚 肉	"	20 8 10
Salmon	魚 肉	"	20 10 10
Shark	魚 肉	"	50 33 30
Skate	魚 肉	"	48 28 28
Shrimps	魚 肉	"	38 22 28
Sole	魚 肉	"	38 24 35
Tench	魚 肉	"	39 12 12
Turbot	魚 肉	"	145 12 12
Turtles, small fr. water	魚 肉	"	145 12 12

Poultry.

		Dec. 1, June, June,	1931. 1918. 1914.
		Cts. Cts. Cts.	
Chicken	雞 肉	lb.	60 30 31
Capon, Small	雞 肉	"	58 28 30
Capon, Large	雞 肉	"	64 28 30
Duck	鴨 肉	"	48 22 21
Doves	鴿 肉	each	30 22 21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋 肉	per doz.	38 18 —
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋 肉	"	40 25 20
Fowls, Canton	雞 肉	lb.	72 36 24
Fowls, Hainan	雞 肉	"	54 35 24
Geese	鴨 肉	"	48 24 24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿 肉	each	40 20 —
" Holow	鴿 肉	"	30 28 —
Turkeys, Cook	火 雞 肉	lb.	84 — —
Turkeys, Hen	火 雞 肉	"	75 61 45
Snipe	沙 山 鴨	each	30 — —
Pheasant	沙 山 鴨	pair	2.80 — —
Quail	沙 山 鴨	each	28 — —
Partridges	沙 山 鴨	"	1.10 — —

Fruits.

		Dec. 1, June, June,	1931. 1918. 1914.
		Cts. Cts. Cts.	
Almonds	杏 仁	lb.	1.20 35 —
Apples (California)	金山 蘋果	"	26 26 —
Bananas (bride's)	蕉 子	"	8 4 —
Carambola	楊 桃	"	12 — —
Coconuts	椰子	each	14 10 10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12 25 30
Lemons (American)	金山 檸檬	each	16 8 —
Lichees, Dried	荔枝 干	lb.	1.00 25 30
Oranges (Canton)	新會 甜 橙	"	16 — —
Oranges	橙	"	12 — 15
Pears (Canton)	沙 梨	"	36 — —
Peanuts	花生	"	14 10 12
Persimmons, Large	紅 柿	"	12 — —
Plantain	紅 薯	"	5 8 —
Pumelo, Siam	暹 羅 柚	each	20 12 6
Walnuts	合 桃	lb.	30 — 16
Grapes	葡 萄	"	70 — —

Vegetables, &c.

		Dec. 1, June, June,	1931. 1918. 1914.
		Cts. Cts. Cts.	

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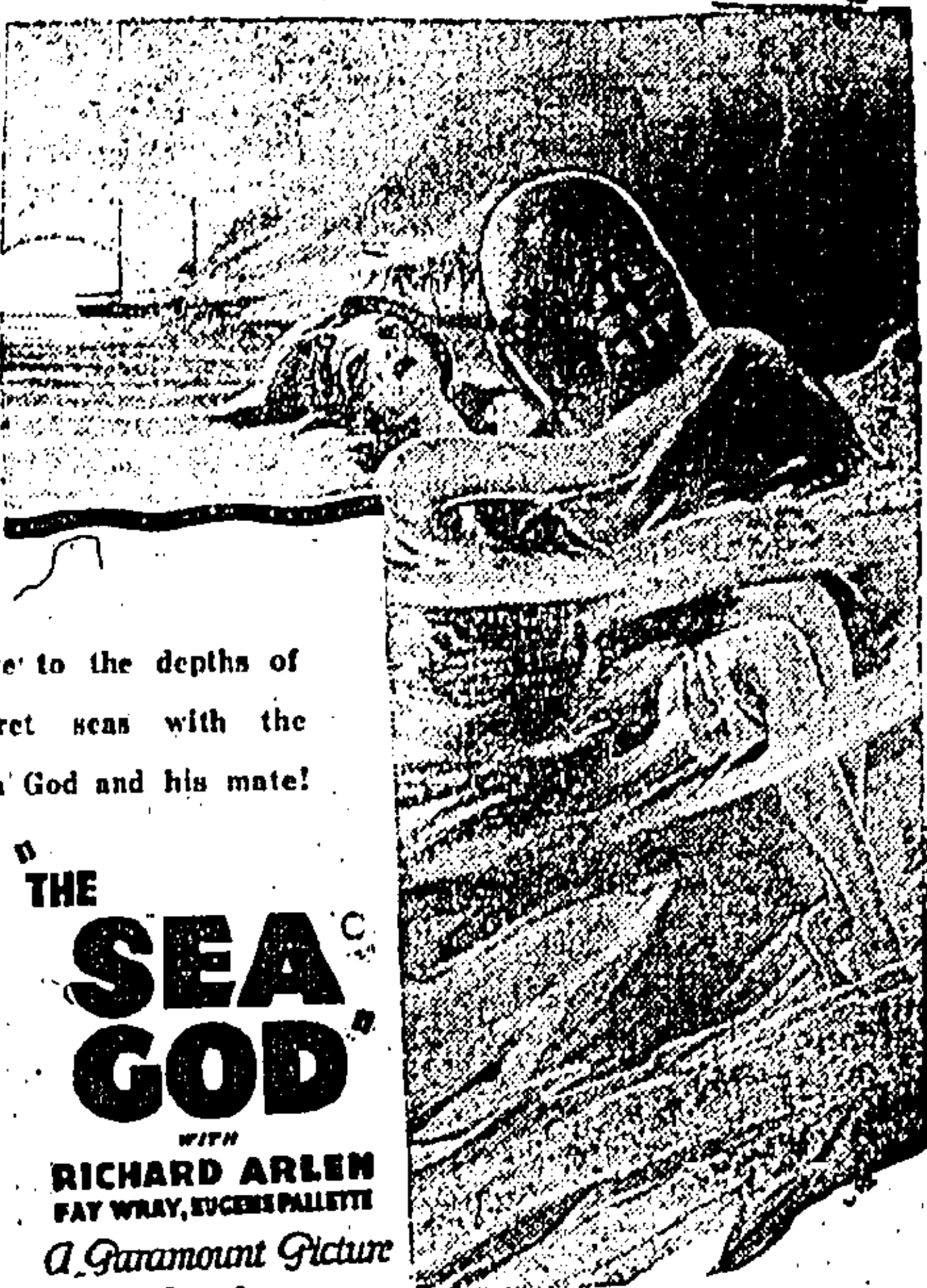
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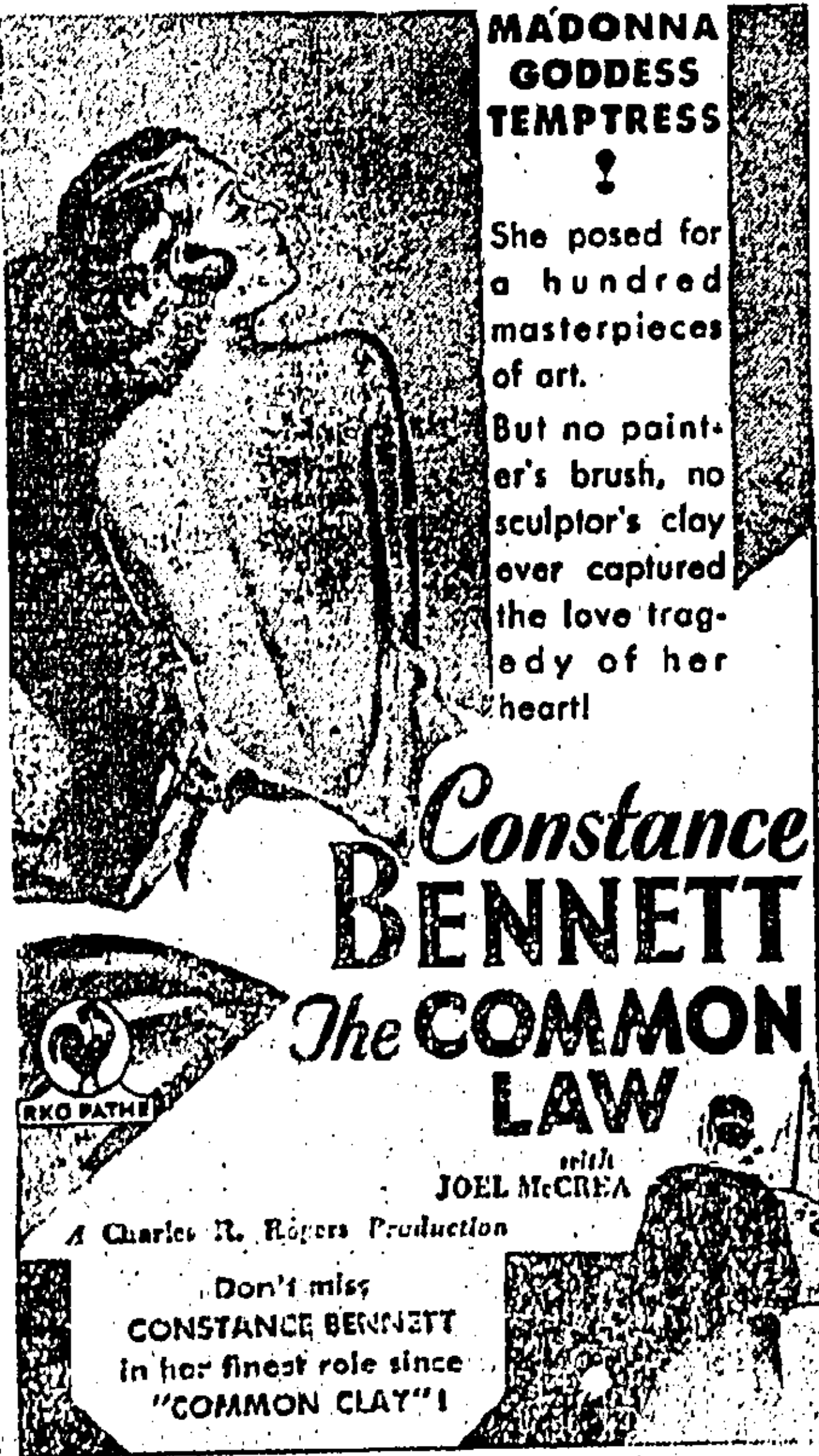
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U.S. FACED WITH LARGE DEFICIT.

President Hoover
Suggests Plans.

HUGE FINANCE CO.

Washington, Yesterday.
That the Treasury will have
to face a deficit of \$4,400,000,000
at the end of the next fiscal year,
unless taxation is increased and
expenditure cut down, is the
gloomy prospect to be envisaged
in President Hoover's message
to Congress on reassembly to-
day.

President Hoover's proposals
are to be headed by plans for a
huge federal finance reconstruction
corporation to which the
Treasury should be authorised
to subscribe reasonable capital.
The corporation is to issue its
own debentures and be liquidat-
ed at the end of two years. Its
functions will be to facilitate
American agencies for exports
and make advances to agricul-
tural credit agencies and estab-
lished industries, such as railways
and financial institutions.—Reu-
ter.

STARTLING DISCLOSURE.

Reichsbank's Difficulties.

Basle, Yesterday.
In spite of a favourable balance
of trade of about 350,000,000 marks
monthly, the Reichsbank's gold
cover has fallen to twelve per cent.
after deduction of the Reichsbank's
foreign currencies and liabilities.

This startling fact has just been
revealed by Herr Melchior, the
German delegate to the Young Plan
Special Advisory Committee sum-
moned to consider Germany's ability
to pay her reparations. Short
terms debts amount to twelve mil-
lion marks. The Reichsbank in
the past six months has repaid only
a milliard.—Reuter.

INCLEMENT CONDITIONS CONTINUE.

The Royal Observatory's re-
port issued this morning states:
An anticyclone has formed
over S.E. Mongolia, and a de-
pression over Korea.

A short-lived disturbance oc-
curred between Pratas and
Hong Kong early this morning.
Forecast:—Northerly winds,
fresh; overcast, drizzle and
mist.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours en-
ded at 10 a.m. to-day 3.48 inches.
Total since January 1, 79.51
inches against an average of
82.28 inches — deficit 2.77
inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain
specified centres this morning
at 9 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 69
Macao 67
Pratas Island 76
Fochoow 68
Amoy 65
Chefoo 40
Shanghai 50
Manila 76

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Opens with a Steady
Undertone.

NO PRICE VARIATIONS.

The official summary issued by
the Stock Exchange to-day states:
The market opened this morning
with a steady undertone, and with
no variation in prices.

Sales.
Lands, \$80.
China Lights, \$27.90.
Star Ferries, \$95 1/4/\$96.
Lane, Crawfords, \$6.60.
Buyers.
China Underwriters, \$4.90.
Shanghai Explorations, Ts. 2.40.
Providents (old), \$5.15.
Provident (new), \$2.35.
H.K. Lands, \$80.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$21.10.
China Lights, \$27.80.
Canton Ices, \$5 1/2.
Lane, Crawfords, \$6 1/2.
Amusements, \$19 1/2.
Douglasses, \$20 1/2.
Wharves, \$151.
Hotels (new), \$14.70.
Realities, \$12.05.
Ewos, Ts. 16.
Peak Trams (old), \$14 1/4.
H.K. Electric, \$78.
Cements, \$15 1/2.
Sinceres, \$15 1/2.
Entertainments (old), \$17 1/4.
Entertainments (new), \$16.
Sellers.
Bank of East Asia, \$128.
China Lights, \$28.30.
S. C. Enterprises, \$10.
Raubs, \$43.
Venezuelan Goldfields, \$2.

PUBLIC MONEY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

In connection with the develop-
ment of the area between Kaulung
Tsal and Kowloon City it is very
desirable to put in hand this year
the following drainage works:—

- i. Sewer in the cemetery road
between N.K.I.L. 1882 and
Prince Edward Road, \$8,000.
- ii. Sewer in Prince Edward Road
from the foot of the cemetery
road to street west of Tak
Ku Ling Road, \$15,000.
- iii. Extension of 31" storm water
drain in street west of Tak
Ku Ling Road, towards Kow-
loon City, \$9,000.

Fire Brigade Stores, \$1,200.
Owing to the lower rate of ex-
change, and increase in cost of
stores, the vote will be exceeded by
\$1,200.

Police Training.

Police Force, \$2,000.
The sum provided has proved
insufficient owing to several un-
foreseen payments in respect of
fees and expenses of police officers
attending special courses of train-
ing in Great Britain.

Kowloon-Canton Railway:—Other
Charges, Motor Cars and Lorries,
Running Expenses, \$2,500.
Wages of car drivers paid from
this vote were raised in 1930 but
provision for the excess, and for
the wages of one additional driver
engaged in 1930 was omitted in
error from the estimates for 1931
leaving a deficit on the vote of
\$1,210.

The balance \$1,290 is required to
cover additional cost of tyres and
petrol due to the fall in exchange.

EMPIRE TEAS PROBLEM.

Representations Under
Consideration.

BLENDING PRACTICES.

London, Yesterday.
Empire teas alone are bought
for the Army and Air Force an-
nounced Mr. Duff-Cooper in the
House of Commons to-day.
Later, Mr. Neville Chamberlain
said he had noted the represen-
tations and communications of
the Empire Tea Association, but
was unable to make a further
statement at present.

Asked to prevent the blending
of Java with Empire teas which
were sold as "Empire Blend,"
Mr. Hore Belisha, Parliamentary
Secretary to the Board of Trade,
said he would consider the mat-
ter if furnished with particulars.
—Reuter.

MOTOR LORRY ACCIDENTS.

Woman Knocked Down By
Motor Lorry.

Chan Fuk-kin, licensed motor
driver, reports, that while he was
driving motor lorry No. 2880, along
Nathan Road, near Pitt Street, a
Chinese woman, named Choi Yuk-
shin, age 37, residing at No. 310,
Portland Street, crossed the road
and was knocked down. Her right
leg was injured. Her condition is
considered serious.

Woman Injured When Lorry Turns
Over.

Shu Si, 26, a married woman, of
Sung Yee Street, was admitted to
the Kwong Wah Hospital yester-
day evening, suffering from injuries
caused by motor lorry No. 2783,
turning over in Prince Edward
Road yesterday evening.

Sanitary Department: Animal
Depots and Slaughter-houses, Motor
Meat Vans, Running Expenses,
\$1,000.

The deficiency in this vote is due
to the increased cost of motor spirit
as compared with 1930 when the
estimate was framed. The service
is revenue earning, and pays for it-
self.

New Female Jail.

New Female Prison, Lanchikok,
\$48,000.

The acceptance of the contract
for this work was approved by the
Finance Committee on 16.4.31 when
it was agreed that a supplementary
vote in aid of the amount of \$100-
000 provided in the 1931 Estimates
should be taken later in the year.

The revised estimate for the
work is \$220,000. The extra
amount now asked for 1931 is
\$48,000 and the provision in the
Estimates for 1932 is \$71,000. A
sum of \$936 was expended on this
work in 1930.

Currency Commission.

Expenses in connection with Cur-
rency Commission, \$35,202.

The expenses of the Currency
Commission appointed by the
Secretary of State for the Colonies
amounted to \$35,201.29. The Com-
mission consisted of Mr. P. H.
Ezechiel and Mr. G. L. M. Clauson
and the expenses were confined to
passages to and from Hong Kong
and out of pocket expenses of the
members only. Salaries are not in-
cluded nor is the cost of printing
the report.

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AT THE **QUEEN'S** TO-DAY TO
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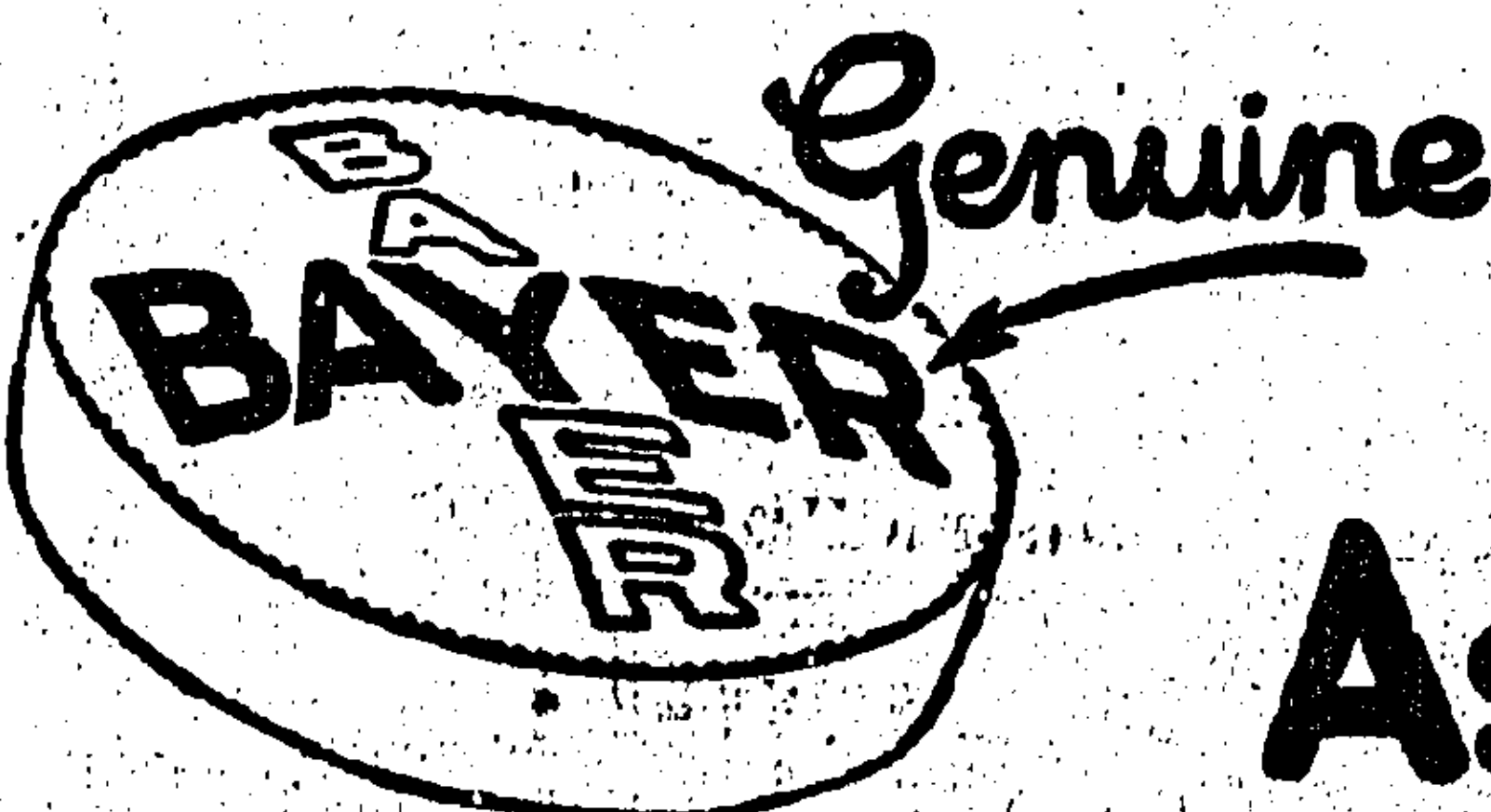
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